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MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1924

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

This being the first day of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor, dated the fifth day of January, 1924, the Clerk of the House read the proclamation as follows:

"PROCLAMATION

"(GREAT SEAL)

(Sgd.) R. G. BRETT,
Lieutenant Governor.

"CANADA

"PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

"GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

"TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every of you, GREETING:

"PROCLAMATION

"(Sgd.) J. E. BROWNLEE,
Attorney General.

{ **W**HEREAS, it is expedient
for certain causes and con-
siderations to convene the Legis-
lative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta, WE Do WILL that
you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on
MONDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of JANUARY now next,
at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of

Edmonton, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

"Herein fail not.

"IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

"WITNESS: Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, at Our Government House, in Our City of Edmonton, in Our said Province, this FIFTH day of JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

"By Command,

"(Sgd.) J. E. BROWNLEE,
Provincial Secretary."

The Speaker officially informed the Assembly of the death of Dr. J. E. State, member for the Electoral District of Clearwater, also that he had received official resignation of the Hon. J. L. Coté, Member for the Electoral District of Grouard, thereby causing vacancies in those Electoral Districts.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the House, and, having taken his seat on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious speech:

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

"MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

"It gives me pleasure to welcome you to the opening of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province.

"Since the close of the last Session the House has suffered the loss of another valuable member in the person of Dr. J. E. State, late representative for Clearwater. His genial personality will be greatly missed in the deliberations of the House.

"The appointment of the Honourable J. L. Coté, Representative for Grouard, to the Senate, deprives the House of the advice and experience of one of its oldest members. Our best wishes are extended to him in his new field of effort.

"With humble gratitude to Divine Providence we rejoice in the bountiful harvest which has throughout the Province rewarded the labours of our people during the past year. The unexpected volume of this crop, greatly exceeding that of any other year in the history of the Province, will encourage our producers and do much to restore confidence in the future of this Province.

"The low prices of farm products that have prevailed during the past year have emphasized the necessity of greater marketing facilities. The wheat producers are to be congratulated on the success that so far has attended their efforts to establish an organization to market their product co-operatively. It is expected that efforts will be made to extend the principle of co-operative marketing to other kinds of farm produce and my Government will introduce legislation to provide better facilities for the incorporation and organization of such enterprises.

"My Government has continued to give careful attention to the question of freight rates and it is a source of gratification that the recent appeal taken jointly with the Province of British Columbia to His Excellency the Governor General in Council has resulted in a substantial reduction in railway tolls on grain shipments to the Pacific Coast.

"In order to further facilitate the marketing of farm produce my Government will ask you to consider a programme contemplating the improvement of our entire main market-road system. A bill will be introduced to enable the Government to borrow money to be repaid from the annual revenues from automobile licenses for the purposes of reconditioning the main highway system.

"Since the last Session the electors of the Province have, under the provisions of The Direct Legislation Act, decided, by a large majority, in favor of government control and sale of alcoholic liquors. Following the provisions of the said Act you will therefore be asked to consider legislation to carry into effect the will of the electors as expressed in the plebiscite.

"A revised Election Act will also be presented for your approval, which will embody the principle of the preferential vote in single-member electoral divisions and that of proportional representation in electoral divisions where more than one member is to be returned.

"Believing that the general economic condition of the Province still demands retrenchment in the administration of all departments and branches of the Government, my Government will continue throughout the present fiscal year to carefully examine all public services with a view to economizing in every possible way.

"The operation of The Debt Adjustment Act has proven very beneficial in relieving conditions existing during the past year. My Government has under consideration an extension of the service to deal with problems of administration relating to the collection of certain arrears of taxes and seed grain advances, and their proposal will be submitted for your consideration.

"Your attention will be directed to the result of the recent negotiations between my advisers and the Dominion Government with respect to the return to the Province of its natural resources.

"You will be asked to consider legislation dealing with certain important amendments to existing Statutes.

"The annual reports of the various Departments of the Government will be presented to the House in due course. The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be placed before you and the Estimates of Expenditure for the current fiscal year will be submitted for your consideration.

"I now leave you to the business of the Session with full confidence that your deliberations will be governed by consideration for the best interests and welfare of the Province."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the House.

The Honourable the Premier reported to the House that under Section 7 of The Public Service Act, being Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice of His Executive Council, was pleased to appoint on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1923, Robert Albert Andison, of Edmonton, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in place of the late John Robert Cowell.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Greenfield have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office to Persons appointed as Justices of the Peace.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a First time.

The Bill was then read a First time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

The Speaker informed the House that, in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the table.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Brownlee,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to this House be taken into consideration tomorrow (Tuesday).

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Reid,

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the Select Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes:

1. On Privileges and Elections.
2. On Railways.
3. On Miscellaneous and Private Bills.
4. On Standing Orders.
5. On Public Accounts.
6. On Printing.
7. On Municipal Law.
8. On Legal Bills.
9. On Agriculture and Colonization.

Which said several Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That a Special Committee of nine Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of Members to select Standing Committees ordered by this House to be composed as follows:

Messieurs Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. R. G. Reid, Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Geo. MacLachlan, D. H. Galbraith, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Dr. J. S. Stewart, Robt. Pearson, W. G. Johnston.

The House adjourned at 3:20 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

"TO HIS HONOUR ROBERT GEORGE BRETT,

"Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

And a debate arising thereon,

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Boyle,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned.

The House adjourned at 4:20 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House,

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. McClung the debate was adjourned to Thursday.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Brownlee, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill, being "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors," and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for "An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act."

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill, being "An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Baker have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The University Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for the prevention and treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

The House adjourned at 5:25 o'clock, to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Forster for George Munro Ross for an Act to be registered as a Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta without examination.

By Mr. Shield: Of the Presbyterian Church, The Methodist Church and the Congregational Union Church for an Act respecting the Union of certain Churches.

By Mr. W. G. Johnston: Of the City of Medicine Hat for an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Medicine Hat.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Statement respecting Debenture Issues and Debentures issued for the year 1923. (Sessional Paper No. 13.)

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House,

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell the debate was adjourned to Friday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley rose to complain of an editorial appearing in the "Edmonton Bulletin" of today's date, stating that he (Mr. Hoadley) had stated that the Government intended to bring down a Redistribution Bill this Session, and for this reason the bye-elections in the Constituencies of Clearwater and Grouard would not be held.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley denied that he had ever made such a statement, and that the report was untrue.

The following petitions were read and received:

For an Act to authorize that George Munro Ross be registered as a Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta without examination.

For an Act respecting the Union of certain Churches.

For an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Medicine Hat.

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Matheson the debate was adjourned to Monday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Boyle:

That this House learns with deep regret the passing of Ex-President Woodrow Wilson, and that this House expresses its deepest sympathy with the family of the deceased and with the People of the United States of America in their loss.

The motion was unanimously agreed to by a standing vote.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Heffernan: For the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, for an Act to empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to construct and operate a Colliery Railway.

Mr. MacLachlan, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of the members to compose the Standing Committees of the House, reported as follows:

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS (14 Members)—Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. Alex. Ross, Messieurs Moore (Chairman), Fedun, Brown, Peterson, Stringam, St. Arnaud, Cook, W. G. Johnston, Pearson, Bowen, Heffernan, Tobin.

RAILWAYS (59 Members)—Hon. H. Greenfield, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. P. E. Baker, Hon. O. L. McPherson, Hon. G. Hoadley, Hon. V. W. Smith, Hon. R. G. Reid, Hon. Alex. Ross, Hon. Mrs. Parlby, Messieurs Matheson (Chairman), Mills, Proudfoot, Enzenauer, Dechene, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Pearson, Marshall, White, Stringam, Milnes, Moore, G. N. Johnston, Claypool, McLennan, Bowen, Mrs. McClung, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Heffernan, Hon. C. W. Cross, Buckley, Forster, Brown, Cameron, McKeen, Tobin, Dr. J. S. Stewart, Shield, W. G. Johnston, Galbraith, N. S. Smith, G. W. Smith, W. C. Smith, MacLachlan, Cook, Farquharson, Chornohus, Christophers, St. Arnaud, Joly, Sanders, Washburn, Carson, Peterson, Fedun, Love, Conner, Sparks, Andrews, Davidson.

MISCELLANEOUS AND PRIVATE BILLS (24 Members)—Hon. V. W. Smith, Hon. Mrs. Parlby, Hon. R. G. Reid, Messieurs Galbraith (Chairman), Claypool, G. W. Smith, Matheson, N. S. Smith, Milnes, Washburn, Carson, Peterson, Forster, Love, Moore, Christophers, White, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Marshall, Tobin, McLennan, Mills, Hon. C. W. Cross, Farquharson.

STANDING ORDERS (10 Members)—Hon. P. E. Baker, Hon. Mrs. Parlby, Messieurs Claypool (Chairman), Sparks, Buckley, Conner, Sanders, Christophers, Tobin, Marshall.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (39 Members)—Hon. Alex. Ross, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. G. Hoadley, Hon. V. W. Smith, Messieurs Brown (Chairman), Andrews, Chornohus, Proudfoot, Carson, Peterson, Enzenauer, Sparks, MacLachlan, N. S. Smith, Stringam, St. Arnaud, Matheson, Milnes, Moore, G. N. Johnston, W. C. Smith, Joly, Washburn, Cameron, Forster, Love, Dr. Stewart, Pearson, W. G. Johnston, Christophers, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Mills, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Marshall, Dechene, Heffernan, Bowen, Mrs. McClung, Davidson.

PRINTING (13 Members)—Hon. V. W. Smith, Hon. G. Hoadley, Messieurs Forster (Chairman), Carson, Joly, N. S. Smith, G. W. Smith, Buckley, Stringam, White, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Bowen, McLennan.

MUNICIPAL LAW (44 Members)—Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. P. E. Baker, Hon. R. G. Reid, Hon. Alex. Ross, Hon. G. Hoadley, Messieurs MacLachlan (Chairman), Andrews, St.

Arnaud, Conner, Buckley, Sparks, Shield, Proudfoot, Cameron, Fedun, Love, Cook, G. N. Johnston, W. C. Smith, Brown, Joly, Forster, Enzenauer, Sanders, Galbraith, Matheson, McKeen, Peterson, Carson, Pearson, Dr. Stewart, White, W. G. Johnston, Davidson, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Marshall, Heffernan, Bowen, McLennan, Mrs. McClung, Tobin, Mills.

LEGAL BILLS (14 Members)—Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. G. Hoadley, Messieurs Cameron (Chairman), McKeen, St. Arnaud, Proudfoot, Shield, Conner, G. N. Johnston, Pearson, Christophers, Hon. C. W. Cross, Dechene, Heffernan.

AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION (59 Members)—Hon. H. Greenfield, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. P. E. Baker, Hon. O. L. McPherson, Hon. G. Hoadley, Hon. V. W. Smith, Hon. R. G. Reid, Hon. Alex. Ross, Hon. Mrs. Parlbay, Messieurs Sparks (Chairman), Mills, Proudfoot, Enzenauer, Dechene, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Pearson, Davidson, Marshall, White, Stringam, Milnes, Moore, G. N. Johnston, Claypool, McLennan, Bowen, Mrs. McClung, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Heffernan, Hon. C. W. Cross, Buckley, Forster, Brown, Cameron, McKeen, Tobin, Dr. Stewart, Shield, W. G. Johnston, Galbraith, N. S. Smith, MacLachlan, Cook, W. C. Smith, G. W. Smith, Christophers, St. Arnaud, Joly, Sanders, Washburn, Carson, Peterson, Matheson, Fedun, Love, Conner, Andrews, Farquharson, Chornohus.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a complete statement of the result of the recent plebiscite held on the Liquor Question.—(Sessional Paper No. 14).

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House.

The debate continued.

Mr. Heffernan moved, seconded by Mr. Dechene, as an amendment:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled" where it occurs therein be struck out and the following substituted therefor—

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members of this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Hoadley the debate was adjourned to Tuesday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Bowen: For the City of Edmonton for An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton.

By Mr. White: For the City of Calgary for An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary.

By Dr. Stewart: For the City of Lethbridge for An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Lethbridge.

The following petition was read and received:

For an Act to empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to construct and operate a Colliery Railway.

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

"TO HIS HONOUR ROBERT GEORGE BRETT,

"Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed.

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled," where it occurs therein, be struck out and the following substituted therefor—

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members to this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Baker the debate was adjourned to Wednesday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1924.

The Clerk formally informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from to-day's sitting.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petitions were read and received:

For an Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton.

For an Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary.

For an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Lethbridge.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Smith have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Irrigation District Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The amounts authorized for expenditure by each Department of the Public Service during the year 1923, by way of Lieutenant Governor's Warrant, from both Income and Capital Accounts, and showing:

- (a) The date each such warrant issued;
- (b) The amount of each warrant;
- (c) The amount spent from each such executive appropriation by way of warrant;
- (d) The purpose of and details of each expenditure respecting each warrant;
- (e) The amounts of each overdraft, whether legislative or executive appropriation, authorized by Order-in-Council or otherwise, and showing:

1. The Department concerned.

2. The respective votes in each Department with regard to which each overdraft was authorized and acted upon.

3. The date of each authorization.

2. The above information with respect to the year 1924 to date.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the total levy for the following classes of Provincial Taxation during the year 1923 in Cities, Towns, Villages, Municipal Districts and Improvement Districts, respectively, for:

- (a) Supplementary Revenue Tax;
- (b) Educational Tax;
- (c) Wild Lands Tax.

2. How much was collected during 1923 from each of the above taxes in each of the above Municipalities and Districts.

3. How much of the following taxes, due the Province, were in arrears and uncollected as to December 31st, 1923, from Cities, Towns, Villages, Municipal Districts and Improvement Districts for

(a) Supplementary Revenue Tax;

(b) Educational Tax;

(c) Wild Lands Tax.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Comparative Statement for years ending December 31st, 1922 and 1923, of General Revenue and Expenditure, Income and Capital accounts, with respect to each Department, and showing, in the case of expenditures, each vote of each department, and including the various Trust Accounts.

2. The total bank balance on hand as of December 31st, 1923, Income and Capital Accounts.

3. The total loans from Banks as of December 31st, 1923, and of this date, respectively, whether by note, treasury bill or overdraft.

4. The portion of bank balance on hand as of December 31st, 1923, being the proceeds of loans.

The motion was agreed to.

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly:

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The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron the debate was adjourned to Thursday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1924.

The Clerk formally informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from today's sitting.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Christophers asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

Q. 1. How many members of the A.P.P. were stationed at the Mining Camps on the Lovett Branch of the C.N.R. at or between Coalspur and Lovett previous to November 22nd, 1923?

A. No police.

Q. 2. How many are stationed in the same district at the present time?

A. Twenty.

Q. 3. What was the maximum number stationed within that district at any time since November 22nd, 1923?

A. Twenty-one.

Q. 4. Did the Mining Companies operating in that district request the Government to station the extra number of police there? And if so—

A. Yes.

Q. 5. What were the reasons given?

A. Maintenance of law and order and protection of life and property.

Q. 6. Did the Attorney General cause any enquiry to be made before the police were sent in? If so—

A. Yes.

Q. 7. By whom was the enquiry made?

A. Sub-Inspector Harrison.

Q. 8. What was the nature of the report of such enquiry?

A. More men would be required to preserve law and order; Mile 47 raided by about 150 men on morning of December 7th.

Q. 9. Were any Special Constables sent there who were not members of the regular force?

A. Yes.

Q. 10. Were any of the employees of the Coal Companies sworn in as special constables? If so; how many?

A. No.

Q. 11. Is the Government aware that the special constables, while acting as such, were working in or around the mine in the service of the coal companies at Miles 47 and 48?

A. No special constable sworn for duty with the A.P.P. has ever worked in or around mines in the service of the coal companies at Miles 47 and 48.

Q. 12. Is the Government aware that bombs were used by the police against the strike pickets? And if so—

A. Tear bombs only—two of them.

Q. 13. By whose orders were these bombs used?

A. Sub-Inspector Harrison.

Q. 14. Were the police armed? If so—

A. Yes.

Q. 15. Was service ammunition served out both for rifles and machine guns?

A. Ten rounds of ammunition for Winchester Carbines only. No machine guns in use.

Q. 16. By whom were the special constables paid?

A. By the Provincial Government.

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Smith:

Q. 1. Is Peter Krysta, formerly employed at Mile 151, Alberta and Great Waterways, still employed by the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company?

A. No.

Q. 2. In what capacity?

A. Answered by Question No. 1.

Q. 3. At which place or Mile on the line of the Alberta and Great Waterways is he employed?

A. Answered by Question No. 1.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The face value of each Provincial Bond Issue sold during the year 1923, and showing total amount sold.

2. The net proceeds of each such Bond Issue, showing the total net proceeds.

3. The rate of interest and term of each issue.

4. The cost to the Province in terms of interest rate in respect of each such issue.

5. The date of each sale, the names of the purchasers of each issue and whether sold by public tender or by private sale.

6. In the case of sales made otherwise than by public tender, what were the nature and terms of sale and what rates of commission or agency charges were allowed by the Treasury Department.

7. What amounts were paid or allowed in connection with the sale of each issue to the purchasers thereof, or to the fiscal agents with respect to each issue.

8. Give amounts of issues for refunding purposes only, and in other cases give the purposes of each issue.

9. Similar information with respect to each issue sold during the year 1924 to date.

10. What is the arrangement with respect to the sale of bonds through fiscal agents, and upon what basis these agents are paid?

11. What firms acted as the fiscal agents of the Province during the year 1923?

By consent of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Total amount guaranteed or advanced for seed grain, relief and rye, up to December 31st, 1923, in

(a) Municipal Districts;

(b) Improvement Districts.

2. Total reductions, including cancellation, in respect of Municipal Districts' Advances and Guarantees.

3. Total reduction in respect of Improvement Districts' Advances and Guarantees.

4. Reductions made on account of purposes enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3 during the year 1923.

5. Total net advances and guarantees for above purposes in Municipal Districts and Improvement Districts and showing—

(1) Balance due to Province on amounts of guarantees taken up—

(a) In Municipal Districts;

(b) In Improvement Districts.

(2) Balances due on amounts under guarantees or advances outstanding—

(a) In Municipal Districts;

(b) In Improvement Districts.

6. What guarantees were given or advances made during the year 1923 for Seed Grain, Relief or Rye, or for any other purpose, in Municipal Districts and Improvement Districts.

7. How many Municipal Districts pledged their credit, and to what extent in each District, for the purpose of furnishing seed grain and relief to ratepayers.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all letters, telegrams, memoranda, statements, documents, or communications of any kind which have passed between the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada or any member thereof, regarding the demand for the transfer to the Province of its Natural Resources, from the time the present Government took office to the date of the making of such return, together with like information respecting communications with the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, respectively, on the same subject during the same period of time.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Copies of all letters and telegrams with respect to the formation and organization of a co-operative wheat marketing system, or the co-operative marketing of any other farm commodity, between the Government or any Member thereof and Mr. Aaron Sapiro, and between the Government or any Member thereof and any other Provincial Government, or the United Grain Growers, Limited, or any Agricultural or Farmer organization, or the officials of the Alberta Wheat Pool, before, as well as after, incorporation, or any newspaper.

2. What financial assistance was given to the Alberta Wheat Pool Corporation by the Government by way of guarantee or otherwise, to what extent, at what time, and under what authority—legislative or executive. Give copies of all correspondence connected therewith, and of all Orders-in-Council, legal opinions or instructions, passed or given with regard to the same.

The motion was agreed to

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That, an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures "Trust Account A" for the year 1923 and Balances on hand as of December 31st, 1923, in each Improvement District.

2. Amounts distributed from the General Revenue Fund of the Province on Income Account (including the Motor Vehicle Revenues) to each Municipal District and Improvement District for expenditure on Roads and Bridges during the year 1923.

3. In cases where no distribution was made or grant given to a Municipal District or Improvement District during 1923, why were such contributions or grants not made and what rule or regulation governed the same?

4. How much was paid or spent by way of grant from General Revenue, Capital Account, of the Province to each Municipal District and Improvement District during the year 1923 for Road and Bridge Construction and Maintenance.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. McLennan:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What is the amount of the uncollected or deferred Revenue, Income Account, due the Province as of December 31st, 1923?

2. Give details showing the various classes of deferred revenue in each Department and the total amount of arrears in each class of revenue.

3. What amount of deferred revenue from previous years was collected in the year 1923?

4. What amounts respectively, were collected during the year 1923 on account of Drought Relief or other Relief and Seed Grain Advances and Rye, and Grasshopper Extermination?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. McLennan: That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The amount of bonds guaranteed by the Province during the year 1923, showing on whose account and the purpose of such bond guarantee.

2. The amount of Irrigation and Drainage District Bonds in default during 1923 and paid by the Province under its guarantee.

3. The amount of seed grain and relief and rye notes guaranteed by the Province during the year 1923, or advances made on account of seed grain and relief and rye, with respect to—

(a) Municipal Districts;

(b) Improvement Districts.

4. The net reductions during 1923 in the liability of the Province with regard to Municipal District and Improvement District Seed Grain and Relief and Rye Guarantees or Advances.

5. The net total liability of the Province as of December 31st, 1923, covering all years with respect to Seed Grain, Relief and Rye Guarantees or Advances in—

(a) Municipal Districts;

(b) Improvement Districts.

6. Information similar to that asked for in questions 4 and 5 with regard to "Grasshopper Destruction," "Hay and other fodder."

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Heffernan:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The total expenditure for the year 1923 on Capital Account, and the details of such Capital Expenditure, setting out—

(a) The amount expended by each Department.

(b) The amount and purpose of each such expenditure according to Departments.

2. The amount spent and purpose of such expenditure of Capital Moneys for other than Capital purposes.

3. The amount of Capital Funds on hand, unexpended and available for expenditure on Capital Account as of December 31st, 1923.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the total cash balance on hand to the credit of Improvement District Trust Account as of May 1st, 1923, and also as of January 31st, 1924.

2. What was the total Improvement District Tax collected in 1923.

3. What amount was deducted by the Department of Municipal Affairs from Improvement District Tax Collections for administration purposes during the year 1923.

4. What amount was charged to the Improvement District Trust Account during each of the years 1922 and 1923, for—

(a) Administration,

(b) Health,

(c) Hopper Control,

(d) Mother's Allowance,

(e) Workmen's Compensation,

(f) Survey Compensation,

(g) Tools, Inspection and Equipment,

(h) Roads,

(i) Bridges.

5. The information asked for in paragraph 4 with respect to each Improvement District in the Provincial Constituencies of Bow Valley, Redcliff, Medicine Hat, Taber, Warner, Athabasca, Beaver River, Grouard and St. Paul.

6. By what authority is the money charged to the Improvement District Trust Account for Workmen's Compensation and on account of what classes or persons and work are such funds used or applied.

7. How much was levied or collected and how much disbursed in each of the years 1922 and 1923 for Workmen's Compensation as above. To whom paid and in what amounts.

8. Give list of medical men with amounts paid to each during year 1923 for services and chargeable to Improvement District Trust Account under the classification of "Health" or for any other purpose.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much was spent during the year 1922 and 1923 for Relief or Relief Work, and give amount of such expenditure made in each Municipal District and Improvement District.

2. How much was collected during the year 1923 on account of the above expenditure made in previous years.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Dates between which Mr. H. G. Dimsdale was in the employ of any Department of the Provincial Government or any Railway owned and operated by the Province, from the date of his first employment as such.

2. The nature of his duties in each case and the salary and expenses paid to him in connection with each period of employment.

3. Is he still in the employ of the Government—if so, in which Department? If not, when did he discontinue his services and for what reason?

4. Did said Dimsdale continue in the employ of or on behalf of the Government of any Department thereof, or Provincially owned or operated railways, or on railway construction for the Province after the date of his nomination as a candidate for the Constituency of Grouard; if so, what period and what salary and expenses were paid him by or on behalf of the Government since the date of such nomination.

5. Copy of Resolution passed at the recent Convention of the U.F.A., and presented to the Government with respect to the existing vacancies in either Clearwater or Grouard Provincial Constituencies, or both, and the holding of by-elections therein.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much has been paid to E. S. Bishop, Commissioner under the Liquor Act, from the date of his appointment to the present date in respect of salary and of expenses, and to what vote were the payments charged?

2. How many employees were comprised in the staff of the Liquor Commissioner during the year 1923, and how much was paid to the members of his staff for salary and expenses during that period.

3. What was the nature of the duties performed by the Liquor Commissioner and his staff.

4. What was the total cost of Bulletins and other publications issued by or under the direction of the Liquor Commissioner or in connection with his branch from the date of the appointment of the Commissioner to the present date.

5. What was the total cost during 1923 of the Liquor Act enforcement.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much was spent during the year 1923, chargeable to General Revenue, Income Account and Capital Account, respectively, for—

- (1) Surveys and Compensation;
- (2) Ferries, Maintenance and Construction;
- (3) Bridges, Maintenance and Construction;
- (4) Main Highways, Maintenance and Construction;
- (5) Market and Local Roads, Maintenance;
- (6) How much was charged to Inspection and Surveys in connection with all of the above votes;
- (7) How much was charged to Improvement District Trust Account "A" for Departmental Services connected with Road and Bridge Expenditure in 1923.

The motion was agreed to.

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly:—That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta as follows:

"TO HIS HONOUR ROBERT GEORGE BRETT,

"Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed:

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled," where it occurs therein, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members to this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brownlee the debate was adjourned to Friday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly:—That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta as follows:

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"Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed:

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The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Christophers the debate was adjourned to Monday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee rose to a Question of Privilege and complained of a report of his speech appearing in "The Edmonton Journal," issue of the 9th instant, entitled "Why Prohibition was Beaten" and further statement "That Prohibition was defeated by Prohibitionists." The Hon. Mr. Brownlee stated that he had made no such statement nor intended any such inference.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Report and Accounts of the Administrator of Lunatics' Estates for the year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 15*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House a Statement of Remissions under Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, for the year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 16*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House a Statement of Remissions under Section 56 of the Treasury Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, for the year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 17*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the

table of the House the Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the Province of Alberta, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 8*).

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 18*).

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly: That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

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"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed:

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled," where it occurs therein, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members to this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. McLennan the debate was adjourned to Tuesday.

The House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Claypool, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders begs to report as follows:

1. That with respect to the Petition of the Union of certain Churches (Bill No. 7);
2. That with respect to the Petition of the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to construct and operate a Colliery Railway (Bill No. 8);

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with, and recommends that leave be granted to introduce said Bills.

3. That with respect to the Petition of the City of Medicine Hat to amend the Charter of the City of Medicine Hat (Bill No. 9) ;

4. That with respect to the Petition of the City of Lethbridge to amend the Charter of the City of Lethbridge (Bill No. 5) ;

5. That with respect to the Petition of the City of Edmonton to amend the Charter of the City of Edmonton (Bill No. 18) ;

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to local advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with, but that the advertising in the *Alberta Gazette* in each case has not yet been completed; but upon consideration the Committee finds it expedient that the Rules be suspended and that leave be granted to introduce the said Bills.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Honourable, The Premier, read a Statement to the House respecting the by-election in Grouard Constituency, and laid same upon the table. (*Sessional Paper No. 19*).

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly: That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

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"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed:

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled," where it occurs therein, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members to this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyle the debate adjourned to Wednesday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Cook: For an Act to empower the Burmis Carbon Railway Company to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway.

The Speaker laid on the Table of the House the Report of the Librarian for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 20*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 5*).

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Joly: That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

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"Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech Your Honour has addressed to us."

To which the following amendment has been proposed:

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

That all the words in the resolution after the word "assembled," where it occurs therein, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"Regret that His Majesty's Government has delayed in causing to be issued writs for the election of members to this Assembly to fill the vacancies in this House referred to in Your Honour's Speech, thus causing great injustice to the people living in said Electoral Divisions in depriving them of any representation in this Assembly at this Session."

The debate continued.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Cross
Tobin
McClung (Mrs.)
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
Heffernan
McLennan
Bowen
Davidson

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Greenfield
Brownlee
Hoadley
Ross
Parlby (Mrs.)
Smith, V. W.
Baker
Love
Matheson

Claypool
 Forster
 MacLachlan
 Cameron
 Galbraith
 Smith, N. S.
 Shield
 Carson
 Moore
 McKeen
 Brown
 Joly
 Washburn
 Andrews
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Cook
 Smith, W. C.
 Smith, G. W.
 Stringam
 Johnston, G. N.
 Sanders
 Enzenauer
 Proudfoot
 Conner
 Fedun
 Chornohus
 Stewart (Dr.)
 Pearson
 White
 Johnston, W. G. 42

The amendment was therefore lost.

The motion being again proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Greenfield
 Brownlee
 Hoadley
 Ross
 Parlby (Mrs.)
 Smith, V. W.
 Baker
 Love
 Matheson
 Claypool
 Forster
 MacLachlan
 Cameron
 Galbraith
 Smith, N. S.
 Shield

Carson
 Moore
 McKeen
 Brown
 Joly
 Washburn
 Andrews
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Cook
 Smith, W. C.
 Smith, G. W.
 Stringam
 Johnston, G. N.
 Sanders
 Enzenauer
 Proudfoot
 Conner
 Fedun
 Chornohus
 Stewart (Dr.)
 Pearson
 White
 Johnston, W. G. 42

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle
 Mitchell
 Cross
 Tobin
 McClung (Mrs.)
 Mills
 Dechene
 Marshall
 Heffernan
 McLennan
 Bowen
 Davidson 12

The motion was declared carried.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That the address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such members of this House as are members of the Executive Council.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Ross, seconded by Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways.

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Ross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 1, An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 2, An Act to amend The University Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 3, An Act for the Prevention and Treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 11, An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act,
The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions,
The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, An Act to amend The University Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time now.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 2, An Act to amend The University Act.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The University Act."

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all Resolutions passed at the recent Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta as presented to the Government.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Tobin:

That, Whereas, the methods adopted in the past by the Dominion Authorities with respect to the procedure adopted in the sale of School Lands in this Province have not proven satisfactory, and at the present time widespread dissatisfaction exists by reason thereof:

Be it resolved, That this Legislature memorialize the Government of Canada to place in the hands of the Provincial Government of Alberta complete control of the conduct of the School Land Sales from time to time, including the selection of appraisers, the places and times where sales may be held, and the methods employed in the conduct of such sales.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Shield, have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Heffernan, have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries Limited to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowen have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. W. G. Johnston have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Dr. Stewart have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

Resolved, That this House commend the Dominion Government for steps already taken by it in the matter of investigating Rural Credits; and do respectfully urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking definite action at the coming Session of Parliament to meet the needs of this Province for such a system.

A debate followed.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, having entered the House, and being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the title to a Bill to be assented to as follows:

Bill No. 2, "An Act to amend The University Act."

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Bill."

The House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petition was read and received:

For an Act to empower the Burmis Carbon Railway Company to construct and operate a Colliery Railway.

Mr. Brown, Honourable Member for High River, rose and complained of being incorrectly reported in a newspaper named "The Morning Albertan," issue of 9th instant, said newspaper stating that "Mr. Brown was rather too critical of the Farmer, and said some things about Alberta Farmers which I think should be challenged."

Mr. Brown stated his speech was not critical to the Farmers, and that the report was untrue and misleading.

Mr. Bowen, one of the Honourable Members for Edmonton, rose to a Point of Order respecting the Prayers at the Opening Ceremony each day for this Legislature as appearing in the "Rules of Order and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta," pointing out that a certain prayer for His Majesty and the Royal Family is omitted each day by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker replied:

That, he carried out his duties in respect to the reading of the prayers to the best of his ability, and that he proposes to continue to perform those duties in a discretionary way.

Moved by Mr. Tobin, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much was advanced by way of loan to Normal School Students during 1923, giving total with respect to each Normal School.

2. How many loans were made during the year and what were the maximum and minimum loans made.

3. How much was repaid during the year 1923.

4. What has been the total amount loaned up to December 31st, 1923, and the total repayments to same date.

5. What was the net total of loans outstanding and due by Normal Students to the Province as of December 31st, 1923.

6. In how many cases are the repayment of instalments of principal past due.

7. In how many cases are the repayments of instalments past due for

(a) over one year;

(b) over two years.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Heffernan:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The cost of construction of each building built in connection with the Mental Hospital at Oliver, and the year each was built and the purposes for which each building is used.

2. The number of inmates at the Institution.

3. The number of cattle in the dairy herd at Oliver, and the cost of each such animal purchased in 1922 and 1923.

4. The cost of each building constructed in connection with the Ponoka Mental Hospital during the years 1922 and 1923, and the purposes for which each building is used and the cost of equipment of each, including farm buildings.

5. The number of cattle in the dairy herd, including bulls, and the cost of each such animal purchased in 1922 and 1923.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Mills:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Amounts on hand being proceeds of the various Provincial Guaranteed Bonds in Banks to the joint credit of the Provincial Treasurer and the respective Railway Companies.

2. The Branch Lines to which the several balances relate and the mileage of same.

3. The mileage already constructed with respect to each such branch line and the mileage yet to be constructed.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Bowen:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The total amount charged by the Province in 1922 and 1923 on account of Hospital or Relief purposes for indigents in the Improvement Districts.

2. Amount of liens taken by the Province in 1922 and 1923 on account of the above purposes.

3. Amount of liens filed against lands during 1922 and 1923 as security for payments made by Improvement Districts for above purposes.

4. Total amount of repayments made during 1922 and 1923 on account of above advances or payments.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. McLennan:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The minutes of all meetings of the Good Roads Board for the years 1922 and 1923.

2. Letters and Communications between the Department of Public Works and the Good Roads Board for the years 1922 and 1923.

3. Letters and Communications between the Chairman of the Good Roads Board and any member of that Board.

4. The report of the Highways Commissioner to the Department of Public Works or to the Goods Roads Board and all maps, plans and specifications, prepared by or under the direction of the Chairman of the Good Roads Board.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much was advanced to each School District during 1923 by way of loan and in each case for what purposes. Give name of each district.

2. What is the total amount of such advances outstanding in each School District as of December 31st, 1923.

3. How much was repaid during 1923 by each district.

4. What is the total of the arrears of School District Taxes collected by the Department of Municipal Affairs during 1923, and how much of such arrears have been collected on account of each such School District.

5. What amount of such School District arrears has since been paid by the Department of Municipal Affairs to each such School District.

6. With respect to what School Districts, if any, did the Department of Municipal Affairs pay over arrears of School Taxes to School Districts, which at the date of such payment were indebted to the Province for loans or advances, and in such cases how much was owing by the District to the Province, and how much was paid by the Province to such District.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The net indirect liability of the Province to December 31st, 1923, with respect to

(a) Railway Bonds;

(b) Irrigation Bonds;

(c) Drainage District Bonds;

(d) University of Alberta Bonds;

(e) Any other class or classes of guarantee liability specifying the nature of each such liability, and dates upon which same was incurred, and the authority, legislative or otherwise therefor.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The number of Solicitors in the employ of the Government, including the Deputy Attorney General and Legislative Counsel, during each of the years 1922 and 1923, with salary paid in each case.

2. The names of the various agents of the Attorney General in 1922 and 1923, and the amounts paid each agent for services.

3. The names and amounts paid in each case for services during the years 1922 and 1923 to Lawyers, other than those above mentioned, for legal services, and show proportion as between Criminal and Civil Business.

4. The names of all Counsel employed by the Government in connection with the Coroner's Inquest, preliminary hearing and trial, of Picarello and Mrs. Lassandra and the amounts paid in each case to each Counsel.

5. The names of Lawyers employed to draft and revise the proposed Liquor Control Act, and the amounts of any accounts rendered in connection therewith and, if no accounts have been rendered, the amount agreed upon in each case as fees for such services.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all communications between the Federal and Provincial Governments, or any Department or Branch thereof, respecting the participation of this Province at the British Empire Exhibition to be held in London this year, either by way of exhibit or official representation.

2. What arrangement, if any, has been made with respect to the above, and the proportionate cost to be borne by each Government.

3. Is it the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to proceed to London as representative of this Province; and, if so, is the expense of such representation to be borne by the Dominion Government.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What Public Buildings were constructed by the Province in each of the years 1922 and 1923, giving location, purpose for which used, and cost of construction, in each case.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What is the total amount spent by the Province up to December 31st, 1923, on account of Grasshopper Extermination?

2. What was the amount spent during the year 1923?

3. In what Provincial Constituencies was this work carried on?

4. How much has been collected up to December 31st, 1923, on account of the expenditures in question 1?

5. How much of the net expenditure outstanding on December 31st, 1923, is chargeable to Municipal Districts and Improvement Districts, respectively, and how much is chargeable to the Province?

6. How much of the total expenditures mentioned in question 1 was charged to General Revenue, Income Account, and Capital Account, respectively?

7. What was the cost of the administration of the work to December 31st, 1923, and what was the cost of the materials used?

8. What materials are now on hand and the cost of same?

9. Has the Government of the Province sold any of the materials on hand for grasshopper destruction? If so, what quantity, what kind of materials, and at what prices and at what loss?

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors,

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

Mrs. McClung moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Bowen, one of the Honourable Members for Edmonton, rose to a Question of Privilege and proceeded to discuss the conduct of Mr. Speaker in connection with the Point of Order of the previous day, whereupon, Mr. Speaker ruled that the Point of Order had been settled as far as the chair was concerned, and that, if the Honourable Member wished to call into question the conduct of Mr. Speaker, he must, under the Rules of the House, do so by resolution. Mr. Bowen moved the following motion, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle: "That Mr. Speaker be instructed to read the prayer for His Majesty the King as set out in the Rules of the House." The Hon. Mr. Boyle rose to a Point of Order, and stated that the question was one of privilege and debate could not be adjourned. Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was a substantive motion and could therefore be adjourned. The Hon. Mr. Brownlee moved the adjournment of the debate until Monday, which was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Copy of Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Hail Insurance Board of Alberta for years 1922-23.
2. Amount due the Hail Insurance Board and unpaid at the end of its financial year by Municipal Districts, showing the amount due and unpaid by each Municipal District.
3. The amount assessed during year 1923 against each Municipal District for Hail Insurance purposes and the amounts paid thereon.
4.
 - (a) The total premiums received by the Board in 1923.
 - (b) The total amount insured in 1923.
 - (c) The total claims received in 1923.
 - (d) The total claims paid in 1923.
 - (e) The total claims disputed and under adjustment.
5. The amount of financial assistance, by way of guarantee or otherwise, given the Board during 1923, the nature of same, and the amount of the Provincial Liability thereon still standing.
6. The amount of reinsurance carried by the Board in 1923.
7. The premium rate struck by the Board for the year 1923.

8. The amount of the Reserve or other security held by the Board at the end of year 1923 for the protection of the insured. The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What acreage has been reported to the Minister under the provisions of the Mineral Taxation Act.

2. What amount of taxes has been paid to date under the provisions of said Act.

3. With respect to what total acreage have notices been sent to Mineral owners under section 8 of said Act.

4. With respect to what total acreage has title to mineral rights been vested in the Crown for non-payment of the tax under section 9 of said Act.

5. What is the estimated total acreage of mineral rights held by taxable persons under said Act, and what is the total estimated revenue thereunder for year 1923.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The amount of and general nature of all accounts or liabilities incurred during the year 1923 and not paid for during that year, and showing those accounts or liabilities incurred in the year 1923 and paid for in 1924 and charged to the expenditure of 1924.

2. What was the amount of the revenue earned during the year 1923 but not collected during that period. Give statement showing each class of such deferred revenue.

3. Statement showing amount of deferred revenues, earned in years previous to 1924, collected during the years 1921, 1922 and 1923.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. McLennan:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the debenture debt of each Municipal District in the Province as of December 31st, 1922?

2. What was the total debenture debt of all Municipal Districts in the Province as of December 31st, 1922?

3. The above information with respect to year ending December 31st, 1923, if the same is now available.

4. What is the indebtedness of each Municipal District as of December 31st, 1922, for loans or advances from the Province or Banks, or otherwise, for Seed Grain, Relief and Rye, showing total indebtedness for all Municipal Districts?

5. What was the assessed value as of December 31st, 1922, and showing also the total assessed value in all such districts in—

(a) Municipal Districts;

(b) Improvement Districts.

6. What was the total net debenture indebtedness as of December 31st, 1922, in—

- (a) All Villages;
- (b) All Towns;
- (c) All Cities.

7. What was the Total Levy and Total Collection of Municipal Taxes for the year 1922 in—

- (a) All Villages;
- (b) All Towns;
- (c) All Cities;
- (d) All Municipal Districts;
- (e) All Improvement Districts.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors,

The debate continued.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore carried.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 8, An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-Laws of the City of Edmonton,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 3, An Act for the Prevention and Treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 11, An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock p.m. to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1924.

The Clerk formally informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from to-day's sitting.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 15th, respecting Taxation under the Mineral Taxation Act. (*Sessional Paper No. 21*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Fifth Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 22*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Fifth Annual Report of the Mineral Resources of Alberta for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 4*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Mines Branch for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 23*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Sixth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 24*).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. N. S. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the following statement to the House:

"To clear up any misunderstanding of my actions as Speaker of this House with regard to the Prayer, I feel that in justice to the honour of the House itself I should be privileged to make a brief statement:

"The considered interpretation which, as Speaker, I placed upon the matter of Prayer as set forth in the Rules and Forms of Procedure was, that the Form of Prayer as therein set forth, consisting of four separate petitions, was not to be taken as the exact wording of the Prayer to be offered, or that the Prayers should be offered in their entirety. In, at times, omitting the second petition, I had not considered that there was any slight, either veiled or actual, to His Majesty, the King.

"Having in mind the broad and common conception of His Majesty, the King, as the Head of the Empire, I felt that in the patriotic spirit breathed in many of the references in the third petition for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty's other Dominions, and to quote from the petition 'More particularly for the Lieutenant Governor' (who is His Majesty's representative in this Province) ample reverence was expressed and due prayer was made for Our King and Country.

"Although strongly of the opinion that the question at issue does not in any sense suggest a Constitutional problem, nevertheless, having in mind the dignity of this Assembly, the honour of its individual members, and the welfare of the Province, I am of the opinion that controversy over a point such as this should never be allowed to cast a shadow of suspicion on this House, or by any chance disrupt the good relations now existing among our people. And, I am further of the opinion that, whatever the

decision of this House on the motion now standing on the Order Paper may be, no action of the Speaker should be such as to raise the question."

Mr. Conner, Hon. Member for Warner, complained that a newspaper, "The Calgary Herald," in its issue of the 12th instant, had mis-reported him, and that he wished to correct such statement.

The newspaper stated that Mr. Conner declared "All the roads in Warner Constituency secured by Mr. Leffingwell had been got for purely political purposes."

Mr. Conner stated the following is what he said in his address: "That the roads in the Warner Constituency, in my judgment, have been kept in as good a condition under the present Government as they had ordinarily been under the previous Government, with the exception of some roads that were built in 1921 for seemingly political purposes, and these roads had, of course, not been dragged under the present administration."

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

Q. 1. What total amount was paid by the Province to its fiscal agents in connection with the sale of each bond issue sold through agents during 1923 and 1924 to date?

A. The Province received the net proceeds after deduction of 1% commission to fiscal agents on the following issues:

\$3,000,000.00 5½% 3 year Debentures maturing November 1, 1926. Commission \$30,000.00.

\$3,000,000.00 5½% 5 year Debentures maturing November 1, 1928. Commission \$30,000.00.

\$3,000,000.00 5½% 10 year Debentures maturing November 1, 1933. Commission \$30,000.00

\$2,500,000.00 5% 15 year Debentures maturing January 15, 1939. Commission \$25,000.00.

\$2,000,000.00 5% 16 year Debentures maturing February 15, 1940. Commission \$20,000.00.

Q. 2. Upon what basis and at what rate are the fiscal agents of the Province paid?

A. 1% of the face value issued through the agency.

Q. 3. What firms acted as fiscal agents of the Province in connection with the sale of bonds during 1923 and 1924 to date?

A. Wood, Gundy & Company, Dominion Securities Corporation, A. E. Ames & Company, of Toronto, associated with Dillon, Read & Co., of New York.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Copies of all letters, telegrams or other communications, that have passed between any member or official of the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada, or any member of the Government of Alberta and the Calgary Power Company, or any other Corporation, or any official or representative thereof, or with the Calgary City Council, respecting what is known as the Spray Lakes Power Development Proposition.

2. Copies of all correspondence or negotiations conducted between the Government of Alberta, or any member thereof, and

any engineer, with respect to obtaining the services of any engineer to examine and report upon the Spray Lakes Power possibilities with respect to the development of and distribution of power throughout the Province.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. N. S. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Provincial Secretary for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 6*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 9*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting British Empire Exhibition. (*Sessional Paper No. 25*).

The Order of the Day being read for the adjournment of the debate on the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

"That Mr. Speaker be instructed to read the Prayer for His Majesty the King as set out in the Rules of the House";

Mr. Bowen stated that—

"After careful consideration of the statement read in this House yesterday, I am led to infer that the prayer as contained in the Rules and Proceedings of this Assembly will be read each day. Therefore, I beg to withdraw the motion standing in my name on the Order Paper."

The motion was by leave of the House withdrawn.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 2*).

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Claypool, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders begs to report as follows:

1. That with respect to the Petition of George Munro Ross to be entered upon the Alberta Medical Register without examination (Bill No. 6).

2. That with respect to the Petition of the Burmis Carbon Railway Company to construct and operate a Colliery Railway (Bill No. 10).

3. That with respect to the Petition of the City of Calgary to amend the Charter of that City (Bill No. 20).

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with respect to payment of fees, advertising in local newspapers, have been fully complied with; but that the advertising in *The Alberta Gazette* has not been completed; but, upon consideration, the Committee finds it expedient that the Rules be suspended, and that leave be granted to introduce the said Bills.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Smith, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Mr. H. G. Dimsdale. (*Sessional Paper No. 26*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Receipts and Expenditures of Municipal and Improvement Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 27*).

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following question, of which he had given notice, and which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Ross:

Q. Has the Government employed prisoners from the Fort Saskatchewan Gaol on Public Works in this Province?

A. Yes.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. White have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary, and to validate certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Forster have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to enter George Munro Ross upon the Alberta Medical Register without examination."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Greenfield have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. N. S. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle rose to a Question of Privilege and asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to documents being filed with certain committees, and whether, in his opinion, these documents should be filed with the Records of the House and not held by the Chairman or any Member of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled that in his opinion any documents regularly filed with a committee should be considered as belonging to the Records of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 6th, 1924, respecting Lieutenant Governor's Warrants for 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 28*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Administration of Improvement District Trust Account, etc. (*Sessional Paper No. 29*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Construction of Public Buildings in the years 1922 and 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 30*).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Provide for Giving Threshers a Lien in Certain Cases."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert back to order of business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House now.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

A petition was presented by the Hon. Mr. Boyle of fifty-three Edmonton citizens, protesting against certain sections in the proposed Liquor Bill presented at this Session of the Legislature.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Baker, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for "An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta."

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Baker have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Game Act.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Game Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Game Act."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Game Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 13, An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways,

The Hon. Mr. Ross moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time,

The Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1924. .

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Hospital or Relief purposes for indigents in Improvement Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 31*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 15th, 1924, respecting Debenture Debt in Municipal Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 32*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 15th, 1924, respecting Hail Insurance Board. (*Sessional Paper No. 33*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Mental Hospitals at Oliver and Ponoka. (*Sessional Paper No. 34*).

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following question of which he had given notice and which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Q. 1. Has the Government or any member or members thereof received any communication in the nature of resolution or other-

wise from U.F.A. Locals or U.F.A. Officials in the Constituency of Clearwater or the Constituency of Grouard with respect to holding elections in either of those two Constituencies, and if so, from what locals or what electors?

A. 1. One communication received from the U.F.A. Constituency Association of Grouard.

Moved by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. White:

Resolved, That it is in the Public interest that Legislation be introduced by the Government during the present Session of the Legislature to provide for an increase in the jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace under The Small Debts Act, from \$50 to not more than \$100, with respect to the recovery of a claim for debt.

A debate followed.

Mr. MacLachlan moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Sparks:

That all the words of the resolution after the word "that" in the first line thereof be struck out and the following be substituted therefor:

"In the opinion of this House the said Small Debts Act has not been widely used in the Province on account of lack of confidence in the procedure therein, for the recovery of debt, and that this House requests the Government to investigate the legislation and Rules of the Court relating to the collection of debts of \$100 and under with a view to making the procedure thereunder simpler and less expensive."

The debate continued.

The motion and amendment was by leave of the House withdrawn.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That whereas there is widespread dissatisfaction with respect to the effect existing legislation, relating to mortgage loan securities is having upon the loaning business in the Province, both with respect to the rights of the borrower as well as the lender;

And whereas, the impression is prevalent that farmers and others who desire to negotiate mortgage loans find it difficult to do so on account of the withdrawal of many of the loan companies from active operations in this Province by reason of the alleged unsatisfactory nature of such legislation including the Tax Recovery Act;

This House is therefore of the opinion that the Government should at the present Session of the Legislature introduce such amendments to existing legislation as will remove the causes complained of, and as a step preliminary thereto it is advisable that a Select Standing Committee of this House be forthwith appointed to investigate the mortgage loan situation generally and the effect of the legislation now in force relating to mortgage securities upon all parties concerned, with power to call such witnesses and to take such evidence and hear such representations as may be deemed advisable, and to report to this Legislature during the present Session.

A debate followed.

The Honourable the Premier read a statement to the House and laid same upon the table. The Hon. Mr. Boyle rose to a point of order and stated that in his opinion the statement could not be entered in the Votes and Proceedings of this House and asked Mr. Speaker for his ruling on same. The Speaker ruled that in his opinion the statement could not be inserted in the Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Proudfoot moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1924.

The Clerk formally informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from today's sitting.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That whereas there is widespread dissatisfaction with respect to the effect existing legislation, relating to mortgage loan securities is having upon the loaning business in the Province, both with respect to the rights of the borrower as well as the lender;

And whereas, the impression is prevalent that farmers and others who desire to negotiate mortgage loans find it difficult to do so on account of the withdrawal of many of the loan companies from active operations in this Province by reason of the alleged unsatisfactory nature of such legislation including the Tax Recovery Act;

This House is therefore of the opinion that the Government should at the present Session of the Legislature introduce such amendments to existing legislation as will remove the causes complained of, and as a step preliminary thereto it is advisable that a Select Standing Committee of this House be forthwith appointed to investigate the mortgage loan situation generally and the effect of the legislation now in force relating to mortgage securities upon all parties concerned, with power to call such witnesses and to take such evidence and hear such representations as may be deemed advisable, and to report to this Legislature during the present Session.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter,
The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Municipal law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 20, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, by Command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Public Accounts of the Province of Alberta for the year ending December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 1*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House Correspondence in connection with the Natural Resources Question. (*Sessional Paper No. 35*).

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 10, An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 6, An Act to enter George Munro Ross upon the Alberta Medical Register without examination,

Mr. Forster moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.
A debate followed.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 19, An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That whereas there is widespread dissatisfaction with respect to the effect existing legislation, relating to mortgage loan securities is having upon the loaning business in the Province, both with respect to the rights of the borrower as well as the lender;

And whereas, the impression is prevalent that farmers and others who desire to negotiate mortgage loans find it difficult

to do so on account of the withdrawal of many of the loan companies from active operations in this Province by reason of the alleged unsatisfactory nature of such legislation including the Tax Recovery Act;

This House is therefore of the opinion that the Government should at the present Session of the Legislature introduce such amendments to existing legislation as will remove the causes complained of, and as a step preliminary thereto it is advisable that a Select Standing Committee of this House be forthwith appointed to investigate the mortgage loan situation generally and the effect of the legislation now in force relating to mortgage securities upon all parties concerned, with power to call such witnesses and to take such evidence and hear such representations as may be deemed advisable, and to report to this Legislature during the present Session.

The debate continued.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs	Boyle	
	Mitchell	
	McClung (Mrs.)	
	Mills	
	Dechene	
	Marshall	
	Heffernan	
	McLennan	
	Bowen	
	Stewart (Dr.)	
	Pearson	
	Davidson	
	White	
	Christophers	
	Johnston (W. G.)	15

Against the motion:

Messieurs	Greenfield
	Brownlee
	Hoadley
	Reid
	Ross
	Smith (V. W.)
	Baker
	Love
	Matheson
	Claypool
	Forster
	Milnes
	MacLachlan
	Cameron
	Galbraith
	Shield
	Carson
	Moore
	McKeen
	Brown

Joly
 Washburn
 Andrews
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Cook
 Smith (W. C.)
 Smith (G. W.)
 Stringam
 Johnston (G. N.)
 Sanders
 Proudfoot
 Conner
 Fedun
 Chornohus
 Tobin

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The motion was therefore lost.

Moved by Mr. Tobin, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That whereas, The methods adopted in the past by the Dominion Authorities with respect to the Procedure adopted in the Sale of School Lands in this Province have not proven satisfactory, and at the present time widespread dissatisfaction exists by reason thereof:

Be it resolved:

That this Legislature memorialize the Government of Canada to place in the hands of the Provincial Government of Alberta complete control of the conduct of the School Land Sales from time to time, including the selection of appraisers, the places and times where sales may be held, and the methods employed in the conduct of such sales; and that this Government co-operate with the Government of Manitoba and Saskatchewan in joint action to that end.

Further: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, Hon John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba, and Hon. C. A. Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it.

The motion was therefore lost.

Moved by Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Bowen:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Copies of all correspondence, telegrams, letters, documents, memoranda, or other written communications, between the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture of Alberta, or any officer, employee or agent, of his Department, and any officer, employee or agent of the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion, having any reference to co-ordination of the work of the two Departments, or in any way connected with, or having to do with,

the co-operation of the work of the two Departments, with especial reference to the Live Stock Branches of each Department.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches,

Mr. Shield moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

Mr. Shield moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Matheson, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Railways begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 8, An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 6th, 1924, respecting General Revenue and Expenditure, Income and Capital Accounts. (*Sessional Paper No. 36*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Guaranteed Railway Bonds. (*Sessional Paper No. 37*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Capital Account and Capital Expenditure. (*Sessional Paper No. 38*).

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches, The debate continued.

Mr. McKeen rose to three Points of Order, on which Mr. Speaker gave his rulings, namely—

First Point of Order:

That, as this question of Church Union is before the Ontario Courts, the matter should not be debated.

Mr. Speaker ruled that this House has no official notice of such action. Further, the matter as it affects this House is outside the jurisdiction of the Ontario Courts, and this House should not take cognizance of any such action.

Second Point of Order:

That the Petition was not a proper document and does not contain the consent of the Presbyterian Church for the proposed action.

Mr. Speaker ruled that when documents come before this House, apparently duly and properly signed and passed by the Standing Orders Committee, they should be taken for what they purport to be until evidence is submitted to the contrary.

Third Point of Order:

That the Bill violated Section 93 of the British North America Act.

Mr. Speaker ruled that a Speaker should not settle a Constitutional Question, nor decide a point of law even though raised by a Point of Order—(Bourinot, page 180).

The debate continued.

Mr. Cameron moved as an amendment, that the word "now" be left out, and the words "This day, one year" added at the end of the question.

The debate continued.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time and committed to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The house adjourned at 5:50 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell rose to a Question of Privilege and stated that certain Returns ordered by the House on February 5th and 7th, 1924, had been unnecessarily delayed and not tabled until February 29th, the day following the tabling of the Public Accounts, and that when such Returns were finally tabled they were not in accordance with the terms of the Order.

The Honourable the Provincial Treasurer replied that the Returns called for had been tabled as soon as the information was available, and questioned the necessity of answering in detail where the information had been laid on the table of the House in some other form.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle rose to a Point of Order and stated that the Returns were not such as to constitute a compliance with the Order of the House ordering the Returns on the Motions of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell and which Motions were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker replied that he would consider the Point of Order raised.

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Education. (*Sessional Paper No. 3*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House Balance Sheet and Statement of Condensed Earnings of the Alberta Government Telephones for year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 39*).

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That the Public Accounts of the Province, together with all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

Moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Pearson:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature, the Doors of the Public Galleries be opened for visitors before the entrance of the Speaker at the opening of each Session of the House; the Doors of the House and Galleries being closed during the reading of the Prayer.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 13, An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

On the Point of Order raised by the Hon. Mr. Boyle, that in his opinion the Returns presented by a Minister were not in compliance with the Order of the House calling for such Returns, the Speaker ruled that this was not a proper Point of Order but should be considered as a Question of Privilege. The point raised was not a definite concrete violation of procedure, but only an opinion that the Minister had not properly answered certain

questions, and, inasmuch as the question is one that requires the proving of such contention, and does not deal with an established fact, it is not a question to be arbitrarily decided by the Speaker.

Mr. Davidson asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

Q. 1. Does the Government call for tenders for all Government Printing?

A. No.

Q. 2. If not, what Government Printing is ordered without tender?

A. All of the smaller work, and the larger jobs which must be rushed.

Q. 3. What is the value of Printing done in 1923:

(a) By tender,

(b) Without tender?

A. (a) \$128,350.00

(b) 72,249.00

\$200,599.00

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following question, of which he had given notice, and which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

Q. 1. The amounts paid for advertising during each of the years 1922 and 1923:

1. To *The Alberta Labor News*,

2. To *The U.F.A.*,

3. To *L'Union*.

A. 1. *Alberta Labor News*: 1922—\$631.50; 1923—\$565.00.

2. *U.F.A.*: 1922—\$788.80; 1913—\$1,086.82.

3. *L'Union*: 1922—\$66.60; 1923—\$50.04.

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Q. 1. The cost of the Plebiscite held on the 21st day of July, 1915.

A. \$149,424.79—97,453 votes cast.

Q. 2. The cost of the Plebiscite, insofar as the accounts have been paid to date, held on the fifth day of November, 1923.

A. \$133,241.96. (There are only a few small items outstanding)—176,386 votes cast.

Mr. McLennan asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Smith:

Q. 1. Has the Government bought any Telephone Poles during the years 1922 and 1923?

A. Yes.

Q. 2. If so, how many and what was the price paid?

A. Twelve purchased. Total price, including hauling, \$40.00.

Q. 3. Where were said Poles used?

A. Five 25-ft. Tamarac at \$2.00 each, used to repair Long Distance Line near Wasel, Alberta. Purchased from G. Horna-

chuk. Two 35-ft. Cedar at \$8.00 each, used to build Railway Crossing at Carbon, Alberta.—Purchased from Imperial Lumber Company. One 25-ft. Tamarac at \$4.00, used in Office move at Fawcett, Alberta.—Purchased from S. Evans, Fedorah. Four 25-ft. Tamarac at \$2.50 each, used to complete extension to St. Paul Exchange.—Purchased from A. Pigune, St. Paul.

No Telephone Poles have been purchased in the year 1924.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copy of the communication received from the U.F.A. Constituency Association of Grouard regarding the holding of the By-Election in that Electoral Division, and the Government's reply thereon.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises tonight, it shall stand adjourned until Thursday, the 6th of March, 1924.

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Ross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Hospital or Relief Purposes for Indigents in Improvement Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 31*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Good Roads Board and Report of the Highways Commissioner. (*Sessional Paper No. 40*).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 19, An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 13, An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the following questions, asked for by Mr. Christophers:

1. What was the total amount paid for advertising by the Government in the following years: 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923?

2. What was the amount paid for advertising by the Government in 1922 and 1923 to the following papers:

“Farm and Ranch Review,” Calgary;

“Calgary Herald”;

“Calgary Albertan”;

“Lethbridge Herald”;

“Medicine Hat News”;

“Edmonton Journal”;

“Edmonton Bulletin.”

Ordered, That the Order be discharged and the questions be withdrawn.

Mr. Bowen asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Ross:

Q. 1. Is there now a Highways Commissioner, as provided for under Statute of 1922, ch. 45, sec. 3?

A. Yes.

Q. 2. If so, who is the Commissioner?

A. C. A. Davidson.

Q. 3. When was he appointed?

A. February 1, 1924—Formal notification to the Civil Service Commissioner dated February 2, 1924.

Q. 4. If by Order-in-Council, what is the date of such appointment and the official title?

A. Order-in-Council dated February 9th confirmed said appointment of C. A. Davidson as Highway Commissioner as from February 1st, 1924.

Q. 5. What is his salary?

A. \$3,400 per annum.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The number of Community Grazing Areas established during the year 1923, and the description of the area, in each case, together with map showing the different Areas created.

2. Copies of all petitions requesting the establishment of such Areas, and copies of all petitions received asking for the establishment of Areas with respect to which no action has been taken.

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting Community Grazing Areas. (*Sessional Paper No. 41*).

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. W. G. Johnston:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the number of employees in the Treasury and Audit Departments before reorganization took place?

2. What number of employees discharged following such reorganization?

3. How many employees have since been added, and from what other Departments have these, if any, been secured?

4. Will further additions be made?

5. What was the total salary cost of the Treasury and Audit Departments in January, 1923?

6. What was the total cost under reorganization for salaries in January, 1924?

7. Are vacancies to be filled in other Departments from which transfers have been made, and if so, on what basis?

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting Employees in the Treasury and Audit Departments. (*Sessional Paper No. 42*).

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. W. G. Johnston:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What additional equipment, and cost of same, was purchased for the Printing Department of the University during 1923?

2. What equipment in this Department was disposed of during 1923?

3. What was the price realized, the cost when first purchased, and the length of time in use?

4. Give dates in 1923 when copy for printing of Departmental Reports was forwarded to the University, also dates when reports were available for distribution.

5. What Departmental Reports or other printing was sublet or otherwise disposed of by the University to other printing concerns, and to whom?

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Cameron have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. McKeen have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting moneys spent during 1923 on Public Works and chargeable to General Revenue Income and Capital Account. (*Sessional Paper No. 43*).

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Loans to Normal School Students. (*Sessional Paper No. 44*).

The House, according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 13, An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today (Friday).

The House adjourned at 12:25 o'clock, a.m. (Friday) to Friday at 3 o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Claypool for Mr. Matheson, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Railways begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 10, An Act to incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, re Relief work in Municipal and Improvement Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 45*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 19th, 1924, re Spray Lakes. (*Sessional Paper No. 46*).

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting the Net Indirect Liability of the Province. (*Sessional Paper No. 47*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Advances for Seed Grain Relief and Rye. (*Sessional Paper No. 48*).

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Loans to School Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 49*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 4th, 1924, respecting Communication from U.F.A. in reference to Grouard By-Election. (*Sessional Paper No. 50*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 28th, 1924, respecting Federal and Provincial Live Stock Branches. (*Sessional Paper No. 51*).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Tuesday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 17, An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 4, An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled, "An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 19, An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 11, An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Tuesday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 10, An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Tuesday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 8, An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders for Third Reading."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 3, An Act for the Prevention and Treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for the Prevention and Treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees."

His Honour, Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, having entered the House, and being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the titles to the Bills to be assented to as follows:

Bill No. 3.—"An Act for the Prevention and Treatment of Contagious Diseases among Bees."

Bill No. 4.—"An Act to amend The Agricultural Department Act."

Bill No. 19.—"An Act to amend The Municipal Hail Insurance Act."

To those Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 1, An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 1, An Act to Make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Motions other than Government Motions":

Moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Pearson:

Whereas Dr. J. B. Collip, of the University of Alberta, co-discoverer with Drs. McLeod, Banting and Best, of the Insulin Treatment of Diabetes, has conferred inestimable benefit on sufferers in all parts of the world, and, by his generous and disinterested action in placing the discovery at the disposal of the public, has placed it within reach of all sufferers at moderate cost—

Be it resolved that this Legislature expresses its gratitude to Dr. J. B. Collip, who has rendered such distinguished service to humanity.

The motion was unanimously agreed to by a standing vote.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Private Bills."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 6, An Act to enter George Munro Ross upon the Alberta Medical Register, without examination.

Moved by Mr. Forster, That, by the unanimous consent of the House, the Order be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly,

The Hon. Mr. Ross moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of the Whole House."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:10 o'clock p.m. to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Pearson:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Grants made by the Government in the year 1922 under the authority of the School Grants Act, and also in the year 1923 under the authority of The School Grants Act, as amended, giving in detail grants under each paragraph, and each clause in said Acts.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Christophers:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the total amount paid for advertising by the Government in the following years: 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923?

2. What was the amount paid for advertising by the Government in each of the above mentioned years to the following papers:

"Farm & Ranch Review," Calgary;

"Calgary Herald";

"Calgary Albertan";

"Lethbridge Herald";

"Medicine Hat News";

"Edmonton Journal";

"Edmonton Bulletin";

"Alberta Labor News," Edmonton;

"U.F.A.," Calgary;

"Camrose Canadian";

"L'Union."

3. What was the amount paid for Job Printing by the Government in each of the above mentioned years to the above mentioned papers and printing companies in connection with said newspapers?

By consent of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Farquharson:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

IN THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL—

1. What is the number of General Ward beds; Semi-Private Ward beds, and Private Ward beds, excluding Soldier patients?
2. What was the total number of patients treated at the institution during 1923, in General Ward, Semi-Private, and Private Wards, excluding Soldier patients?

3. What was the minimum and maximum number of patients in Hospital during 1923, in General Ward, Semi-Private Ward and Private Wards, excluding Soldier patients?
 4. What was the number of Pay, Non-pay and Part-pay patients in General Ward, Semi-Private and Private Wards during the year 1923, excluding Soldier patients?
 5. What is the number of patients whose accounts were guaranteed by municipalities during 1923, in General Ward, Semi-Private Ward and Private Wards, excluding Soldier patients?
 6. Give details of Staff employed and Salaries paid.
 7. What was the total revenue earned from Civilian patients?
 8. What was the total revenue collected from Civilian patients?
- The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting the University Hospital. (*Sessional Paper No. 52*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7, 1924, respecting Guaranteed Bonds, Seed Grain and Relief and Rye Guarantees or Advances. (*Sessional Paper No. 53*).

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The total amount paid by the Province to each firm or corporation during the years 1923-1924, for—

- (a) Printing;
- (b) Advertising.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:
Resolved, That a Redistribution of Seats in this Legislature should be made before the next General Election, and the number of seats considerably reduced; such Redistribution to become effective in such General Election.

A debate followed.

The Honourable, the Premier, read the following statement to the House:

"It is the intention of the Government to deal with the question of Redistribution before the next Provincial Election, but not at this Session.

"The Government's present view is, that the question will be dealt with by a Committee of the House appointed for the purpose by the Government.

"It should properly be the duty of that Committee to enquire into and consider to what extent it is practicable in the interests of the Province to reduce the number of seats—including in such enquiry the extent to which any reduction should affect urban and rural seats.

"Until such time as this Committee is appointed and makes its report to the House, it is not advisable, nor is it necessary, for the Government to make a further statement in the matter."

The motion was by leave of the House withdrawn.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Dechene:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when the Supplementary Revenue Tax levied in this Province should be abolished.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Cross
Tobin
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
Heffernan
McLennan
Bowen

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Against the motion:

Messieurs Greenfield
Hoadley
Reid
Ross
Parlby (Mrs.)
Smith (V. W.)
Baker
Love
Matheson
Claypool
Forster
MacLachlan
Sparks
Cameron
Galbraith
Shield
Carson
Moore
McKeen
Brown
Joly
Washburn
Andrews
St. Arnaud
Buckley
Farquharson
Peterson
Cook
Smith (W. C.)
Smith (G. W.)
Stringam

Johnston (G. N.)
 Sanders
 Proudfoot
 Conner
 Fedun
 Stewart (Dr.)
 Pearson
 Davidson

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The motion was therefore lost.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dechene:
 That, Whereas, there has been established in the Provincial Constituency of Bow Valley what is known as a "closed area," consisting of approximately ninety Townships in area, in which cattle or horses are not permitted to run at large, except under certain restrictions and limitations as to numbers and ownership of lands within the area;

And whereas, For years past an unlimited number of horses, including thousands of strays of a very inferior grade, have been running at large contrary to the Statute and to the serious detriment of the stock owners of the said District;

Be it therefore resolved, That it is desirable that the Government during the present Session should introduce such legislation as will enable the said District to be completely cleared of such stray horses so as to preserve the open Ranges therein for stock lawfully running at large, such legislation to provide for the permanent disposal of the said strays.

A debate followed.

The motion was by leave of the House withdrawn.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Game Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
 Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
 Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
 Ordered, To be committed to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly,

The debate continued.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore carried.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 17, An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m. to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business, "Public Bills and Orders."

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

Mr. Marshall, one of the Honourable Members for Calgary, rose to a Question of Privilege to draw attention to an error in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, March 11th, 1924, be corrected by inserting at the beginning of the seventeenth line, on page 3, the words "In view of the statement made by the Honourable the Premier on the subject."

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Galbraith, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

The Committee recommend that clause number "eight" be left to the consideration of the Whole House.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Moved by Mr. Christophers, seconded by Mr. White:

Resolved: That in the opinion of this House a Commission should be appointed under the Public Inquiries Act to inquire into the Coal Industry of this Province—reserves of coal, systems of mining, grading and inspection, costs of production, capitalization, profits and marketing, and such other matters as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct—and that, for such purposes, the Commissioner or Commissioners should be empowered to summon witnesses before him or them, and of requiring such witnesses to give evidence on oath or on solemn affirmation and to produce such documents and things as the Commissioner or Commissioners may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which he or they are appointed to inquire.

A debate followed.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The names and titles of officials who travelled on Government or Departmental business outside of the Province during 1923.

2. The Departments represented and nature of business transacted.

3. The names of place or places visited by each official.

4. Total cost of each of said trips, including transportation and other expenses.

5. Time spent on each of said trips by each official.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What amount was collected in fines under the Liquor Act in 1923?

2. What amount was paid during 1923 to the Liquor Commissioner and all other employees in that Branch, both permanent and temporary, for—

- (a) Salaries;

- (b) Expenses,

and showing the salary and expenses of the Liquor Commissioner separately.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What total amount was paid as salaries or allowances or reimbursements under The Prairie Fire Act during 1923?

2. Give list of names of Fire Guardians and moneys paid to each for their services.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What amounts were collected for Game Licenses in 1923?

2. What amounts of taxes were collected on all furs in 1923? Above information desired separately re Export Tax.

3. Number and Names of Fur Inspectors on the pay of Government, and what amount paid to each for salary and expenses during 1923.

4. Was there any permit or license refused in 1923 to Trappers on Forest Reserves and names of said applicants to whom said permit or said license was denied.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How much was paid during the year 1923 by way of grants to Orphanages?

2. The names and location of the Institutions which received grants, and the amount paid to each Institution.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved By Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What amount was spent on Main Highways during each of the years 1921, 1922 and 1923—

(a) North of Saskatchewan River;

(b) Between Red Deer River and Saskatchewan River;

(c) South of Red Deer River to the Southern Boundary of the Province.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. With respect to the following Improvement or Municipal Districts—Numbers 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 755, 764, 765, 766, 794, 795, 796 and 825:

(a) What money was collected in taxes in each of the above Districts during 1923?

(b) What amount of money was spent on roads, local and district highways, in respect of each of the above Districts, during 1923?

(c) What amount was spent for other purposes? Give amount under each class.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Marshall:—
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The balance on hand to the credit of the undermentioned Improvement Districts as at the end of August, September, October and November, in the year 1923.

2. Copy of the Ledger Account showing Receipts and Disbursements respecting the undermentioned Improvement Districts during the year 1923, and showing the balance of cash on hand at the end of 1923. The following are the Improvement Districts above referred to: Nos. 124, 154, 184, 155, 185, 156, 186, 216, 217, 218, 247, 248.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Marshall:—
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What Special Grants (other than the regular statutory grants) were paid to School Districts during 1923 and 1924 to date? Give the amount and name of each District to which these Grants were paid.

2. How many Schools failed to operate in 1923?

3. Give number of school days during which each school failed to operate in each District in 1923.

4. Were any special or other Grants made to any Schools during 1923 and 1924, to date, other than provided by vote of the Legislature? If so, in what cases, in what amounts and for what purposes?

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 11th, 1924, respecting Grants paid in the years 1922 and 1923 under authority of The School Grants Act. (*Sessional Paper No. 54*).

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting E. S. Bishop, Staff, duties, and the Liquor Act. (*Sessional Paper No. 55*).

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting Fines collected under The Liquor Act in 1923, and amount paid for salaries and expenses to Liquor Commissioner and Employees in that Branch. (*Sessional Paper No. 56*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting Grants to Orphanages during 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 57*).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of

Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. N. S. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. N. S. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:45 o'clock p.m., to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Galbraith, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two-Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of Labor of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and begs to report both Bills with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 6th, 1924, respecting the University Printing Department. (*Sessional Paper No. 58*).

The Hon. Mr. Baker, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, re Special Grants to School Districts during 1923 and 1924 and Schools failing to operate during 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 59*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Amounts collected for Game

Licenses, Taxes on Furs, Names of Fur Inspectors on pay of Government, and Licenses to Trappers refused, all during 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 60*).

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Christophers, seconded by Mr. White:

Resolved: That in the opinion of this House a Commission should be appointed under the Public Inquiries Act to inquire into the Coal Industry of this Province—reserves of coal, systems of mining, grading and inspection, costs of production, capitalization, profits and marketing, and such other matters as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct—and that, for such purposes, the Commissioner or Commissioners should be empowered to summon witnesses before him or them, and of requiring such witnesses to give evidence on oath or on solemn affirmation and to produce such documents and things as the Commissioner or Commissioners may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which he or they are appointed to enquire.

The debate continued.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. N. S. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. MacLachlan reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Game Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Proudfoot reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 9:50 o'clock p.m. to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Prairie Fires Act and Fire Guardians. (*Sessional Paper No. 61*).

The Hon. Mr. Smith, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Telephones for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 11*).

Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Second Report of the Proceedings of the Superannuation Board, for year ended December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 62*).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Game Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House now.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Game Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. MacLachlan reported the Bill with further amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Tuesday).

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in

behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, signed by David Lynch Scott, appointed Administrator for His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor:

"The Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Edmonton, March 18th, 1924."

Mr. Speaker read the Message to the House (the Members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the Message of the Administrator for His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, signed by David Lynch Scott, appointed Administrator for His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor:

"The Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, transmits supplementary estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1923, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Edmonton, March 18th, 1924."

The Speaker read the Message to the House (the Members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the Message of the Administrator for His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, signed by David Lynch Scott, appointed Administrator for His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor:

"The Administrator of the Government of the Province of Alberta, acting for, and in behalf of, the Lieutenant Governor, transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province from the first day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Edmonton, March 18th, 1924."

Mr. Speaker read the Message to the House (the Members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the Message of the Administrator for His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

A debate followed.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The Revenue and Expenditure respectively for 1923 respecting the following legal offices or officials:

- (a) Clerks and Deputy Clerks of the Court;
- (b) Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs;
- (c) Land Titles Offices;
- (d) Police Magistrates.

2. With respect to each Constituency, the names, addresses and salaries of all Police Magistrates appointed during each of the years 1922 and 1923, and the names and addresses of those whose commissions have been cancelled for any cause during 1922 and 1923. The above information with respect to Bailiffs.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Dechene, seconded by Mr. Mills:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The amount spent or given by way of grant for expenditures during the year 1923 in each Municipal District and Improvement District in the Province for (a) Market Roads, (b) Bridges, from the General Revenue Fund (Income Account) and the General Revenue Fund (Capital Account) respectively.
2. The total expenditures during 1923 in each Provincial Constituency from General Revenue, Income Account, and Capital Account respectively.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. How many enquiries were instituted under The Game Act in 1923 and 1922?
2. How many convictions were secured under The Game Act in 1923 and 1922?
3. How many pelts were confiscated or forfeited under The Game Act in 1923 and 1922? Name and address of the defendant in each case.
4. What is the amount of fines imposed?
5. What is the amount of fines collected?
6. What is the amount of fines remitted?
7. What is the number of pelts returned? To whom?
8. What is the amount realized by pelts sold by the Government?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. McLennan:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The names of employees appointed to the Public Service since 1st January, 1922, to date, showing those on the permanent staff and temporary staff respectively.
 2. The position to which the above employees were appointed and the nature of their duties and the salary paid in each case.
 3. The names of employees superannuated or retired during that period.
 4. The total bonus paid members of the Public Service in the years 1922 and 1923 respectively.
- The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Christophers, seconded by Mr. White:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Total amount paid by the Government for advertising in each of the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923.
 2. Total amount paid by the Government for advertising in each of the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, to the following firms:
 "Farm and Ranch Review," Calgary;
 "U. F. A.";
 "Alberta Labor News," Edmonton;
 Herald Publishing Co., Calgary (which includes the Alberta Farmer and Calgary Weekly Herald);
 Albertan Publishing Co., Calgary;
 "Lethbridge Herald," Lethbridge;
 "Medicine Hat News";
 "Edmonton Journal";
 "Edmonton Bulletin";
 Camrose Publishing Co. ("Camrose Canadian");
 "L'Imprimerie L'Union," Edmonton.
 3. Total amount paid by the Government for job printing in each of the above years to the following firms:
 Esdale Press, Edmonton;
 Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co.;
 Roche Printing Co.;
 Western Printing and Litho. Co., Calgary ("Farm and Ranch Review");
 Albertan Job Press, Calgary;
 Lethbridge Herald Co.;
 "Medicine Hat News."
- The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mr. Tobin:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

With reference to the work of the Women's Home Bureau Service:

1. How many lectures, demonstration-lectures and short courses were given in 1923?
2. Total attendance at meetings?
3. Average attendance at meetings?
4. How many places visited?
5. What were the subjects demonstrated?
6. How many reference books and folders were sent out by the Librarian in 1923?

7. How many travelling libraries?
 8. What classes of the community does the Reference Library and loan clipping bureau especially serve?
 9. What pamphlets for free distribution?
 10. How many W.I.'s have applied for Short Courses in 1924?
 11. How many U.F.W.A.'s have applied for Short Courses in 1924?
 12. What other organizations, and how many, have applied for 1924 short courses?
 13. What subjects are to be demonstrated?
- The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting Women's Home Bureau Service. (*Sessional Paper No. 63*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, of this date, respecting The Game Act. (*Sessional Paper No. 64*).

Moved by Mr. Claypool, seconded by Mr. Forster:

Whereas, a Resolution was passed by this Legislature last Session requesting the Dominion Government to hold an investigation into the fees authorized by Live Stock Exchanges, and yardage and other fees charged by Live Stock Yards, incidental to the marketing of live stock; also, that the rules and regulations under The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act, 1917, be amended so as to provide that Commission Merchants operating through the said Live Stock Exchanges should transact all banking business on behalf of their clients through proper Trust Accounts, and, to provide for adequate penalties in the event of failure to comply with such requirements;

And whereas, This Resolution was brought to the attention of the Dominion Government and no action taken as requested; Therefore, Be it resolved—

That this House refer these various questions, and any other which has an economic effect on the man on the land, to the Agricultural Committee for investigation, and that the said Committee shall report the result of their investigation to this House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Proudfoot reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business, Public Bills and Orders for Third reading.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Wednesday).

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. MacLachlan, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter; Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter, and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton; Bill No. 20, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting The Charter of the City of Calgary, and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary; and Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter—and begs to report the four Bills with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Davidson moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Alberta Co-operative Credit Societies for 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 65*).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highways Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Galbraith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Love adjourned the debate until this evening, which was agreed to.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1924, 8:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle adjourned the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Baker have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend The School Assessment Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 17, An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:45 o'clock p.m. to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. McLennan, as an amendment:

That all the words in the Resolution after the word "that," where the same first occurs, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"This House doth regret that, notwithstanding the estimated revenue of One Million Dollars of Profits from the Government Sale of Liquor for the year 1924, the Government has not adopted a policy of retrenchment sufficient to at least balance the budget for the year."

The debate continued.

Mr. MacLachlan adjourned the debate, which was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 6th, 1924, respecting Levy and Collection of Supplementary Revenue, Educational and Wild Lands Taxes. (*Sessional Paper No. 66*).

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Smith, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 10*).

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Scientific and Industrial Research Council of Alberta. (*Sessional Paper No. 12*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Grasshopper Extermination. (*Sessional Paper No. 67*).

Continued debate on the following motion and amendment:
Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty."

The debate continued.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. McLennan, as an amendment:

That all the words in the Resolution after the word "that," where the same first occurs, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"This House doth regret that, notwithstanding the estimated revenue of One Million Dollars of Profits from the Government Sale of Liquor for the year 1924, the Government has not adopted a policy of retrenchment sufficient to at least balance the budget for the year."

The debate continued.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Continued debate on the above motion and amendment.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
McLennan
Bowen

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Greenfield
Brownlee
Hoadley
Reid
Ross
Smith (V. W.)
Baker
Love

Matheson
 Claypool
 Forster
 MacLachlan
 Cameron
 Galbraith
 Smith (N. S.)
 Shield
 Carson
 Moore
 Joly
 Washburn
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Smith (W. C.)
 Smith (G.W.)
 Stringam
 Proudfoot
 Conner
 Fedun
 Chornohus
 Stewart (Dr.)
 Pearson
 White
 Johnston (W. G.) 35

The amendment was therefore lost.

The debate on the motion continued.

Hon. Mr. Reid moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Christophers have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Mines Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill.

On the question being put, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it.

A division was called for.

A point of Order was raised that the vote was not a proper one.

The Speaker ruled that the vote was in accordance with the practice of the House, but suggested that with the unanimous consent of the House the action in regard to the vote might be deleted.

This was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Co-operative Associations."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 26, An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 25, An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter, and to Validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock p.m. to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House dated March 18th, 1924, respecting Employees appointed to the Public Service, duties, bonus paid, and those superannuated or retired, since January 1st, 1922. (*Sessional Paper No. 68*).

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House dated March 18th, 1924, respecting Revenue and Expenditure in Legal Offices, Officials and Bailiffs. (*Sessional Paper No. 69*).

Continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The motion being again proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair.

(House in Committee of Supply).

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Mr. Christophers asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Q. 1. How many tons of coal were mined in Alberta in the year 1923?

A. 6,866,923 tons.

Q. 2. On how many tons of coal mined was the Mine Owners' Tax paid?

A. 4,943,222 tons.

Q. 3. If Tax was not collected, what Companies failed to pay and what amounts remain unpaid by each Company?

A. The following operators have failed to pay amounts due by them under The Mine Owners' Tax Act for the year 1923:

Mountain Park Colliery, Ltd.....	\$2,317.08
Luscar Colliery, Ltd.....	2,189.85
McPeak Coal Co.....	135.60
Fraser-McKay Colliery, Ltd.....	872.30
Marcus Coal Mines, Ltd.....	867.00
T. O. Evans.....	15.25
Premier Coal Co., Ltd.....	359.29
Scranton Coal Co., Ltd.	222.15
Ardley Hardite Colliery, Ltd.....	60.75
Carbon Coal Co., Ltd.....	70.55
North American Colliery, Ltd.....	11,377.75
Peerless Carbon Colliery, Ltd.....	18.75
Peerless Carbon Colliery, Ltd.....	278.25
J. Raymond	43.05
Humberstone Coal Co., Ltd.....	960.25
Carbon Coal Agencies, Ltd.	754.90
Balkan Coal Co.	161.15
Reed & Robinson	25.65
Saunders-Alberta Colliery, Ltd.....	378.75
Blackstone Coal, Ltd.	138.55
Unity Collieries, Ltd.	21.90
Vitaly & Co.	663.60
Reed & Brown, Ltd.	206.65
Western Commercial Co., Ltd.....	423.05
Roundhill Collieries, Ltd.	46.40
A. Johnson	20.00
Ideal Coal Co., Ltd.	664.19
Superior Colliery, Ltd.	364.95
Palisade Coal Co., Ltd.	34.72
Regal Collieries	16.65
Mid-West Colliery, Ltd.	1,347.40
Gibson Colliery, Ltd.	1,149.85
Sunshine Coal Co., Ltd.	428.39
Dawson Coal Co., Ltd.	258.35

C. Hein	\$ 47.90
L. Dafoe & Bros.	35.70
J. Roth	1.10
Big Valley Colliery, Ltd.	139.57

\$27,127.24

It should be noted that this does not include Tax due for the month of December, 1923, which is not actually due until 1924.

The Order of the Day being read for the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. McLennan:

Whereas certain cities in the Province have asked that powers be given to impose a Tax on Automobiles:

Be it therefore resolved—

That this Legislature go on record as being opposed to this method of taxation, but that, in its stead, the Provincial Government impose a further tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and distribute such increase to the Cities, Municipalities and Municipal Districts on a basis of population.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee rose to a point of order and stated that this question is already before the House in a different matter.

After a debate on the point of order, the Speaker ruled that, since the first part of this question was on the Orders of the Day in the Estimates and might be fully discussed there, it comes under Rule of the House No. 457, which provides that no motion may anticipate any Order of the Day; and, further, the second part of the Resolution comes under Rule 459, which provides that no increase in the charges on the people may be proposed unless it has first received the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor and been passed by the Committee of the Whole House.

The motion is therefore out of order.

The motion therefore dropped.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Forster reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow (Wednesday).

The House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock p.m., to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 7th, 1924, respecting Uncollected or Deferred Revenue, Income Account, due the Province December 31st, 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 70*).

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 15th, 1924, respecting Liabilities incurred and revenue earned during 1923, and Deferred Revenues earned in years previous to 1924, collected during 1921, 1922 and 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 71*).

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Solicitors in Employ of Government and Agents of Attorney General, during 1922 and 1923, other Lawyers, Counsel re trial of Picariello and Mrs. Losandra, and Lawyers re Liquor Control Act. (*Sessional Paper No. 72*).

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley rose to complain about an editorial comment which was published in "The Calgary Herald," issue of Tuesday, March 25th, 1924, with reference to the Agricultural Department Estimates for the year 1924. Quotations contained in the editorial were untrue and misleading, stated the Honourable Member.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That Rule 100 of the Rules of the House be suspended, and that the House meet at 8 o'clock tonight (Wednesday).

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 8, An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 20, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate Certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 25, An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Galbraith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Slot Machines."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Friday next.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Brown reported that some further progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow (Thursday).

The House adjourned at 11:10 o'clock p.m. to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 32, An Act to amend The Mines Act,

Mr. Christophers moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs	Boyle	
	Mitchell	
	Cross	
	McClung (Mrs.)	
	Mills	
	Dechene	
	Marshall	
	Heffernan	
	McLennan	
	Bowen	
	Davidson	
	White	
	Christophers	
	Johnston (W. G.)	
	Sparks	
	Smith (W. C.)	16

Against the motion:

Messieurs	Greenfield
	Hoadley
	Reid
	Smith (V. W.)
	Baker
	Matheson
	Milnes
	MacLachlan
	Cameron
	Galbraith
	Shield
	Carson
	Moore

Brown
Joly
Washburn
Andrews
St. Arnaud
Buckley
Farquharson
Peterson
Cook
Stringam
Johnston (G. N.)
Sanders
Enzenauer
Proudfoot
Conner
Fedun
Chornohus
Tobin
Stewart (Dr.) 32

The motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore lost.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business, Committee of Supply.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock p.m. to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Claypool, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have considered the application for return of fees in connection with Bill No. 2 of 1923 Session, being an Act to incorporate the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Alberta, and recommend that no refund of fees be made to the Solicitors applying for same.

Your Committee further recommend that the fees paid by the Solicitors for Bill No. 3 of 1923 Session, being an Act to Regulate the Practice of Chiropractic, which said Bill was withdrawn from the House, be refunded to the Solicitors less the cost of printing the Bill.

Your Committee also further recommend that the fees paid by George Munro Ross at the present Session of the Legislature for an Act to enter his name on the Medical Register of Alberta, be refunded to George Munro Ross, less the cost of printing the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises tonight (Friday), it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to amend The Treasury Department Act.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House:

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to amend The Treasury Department Act, and, after some time spent there-

in, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Saturday).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Baker have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Areas situated along the Borders of the Province."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 10, An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 8, An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. MacLachlan reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m. to Saturday at 10 o'clock a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock a.m.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacLachlan reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act.

Ordered, That the resolution be now read a Second time.

The resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act."

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He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Pearson have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Pearson have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Limitation of Actions."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Greenfield have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Insanity Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House adjourned at 1:05 o'clock p.m., to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. MacLachlan reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Public Health for the year 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 7*).

The House adjourned at 10:30 o'clock p.m., to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Q. 1. With respect to the Bonus payable to the Civil Servants under the provisions respecting payment of Bonus, what total amount of Bonus was eliminated during the year 1923?

A. The Bonus paid for the year 1923 up to August 1st, at which date salary adjustments took place, was \$52,533.49. A year's Bonus on this basis would amount to \$90,057.55, although staff reductions would to some extent affect this figure.

Q. 2. What was the total amount allowed by way of salary increase to the Civil Service by way of adjustment in lieu of the said Bonus elimination in 1923 apart from the usual salary increases provided for?

A. \$48,250.00.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Baker:

Q. 1. What was the total tax collected in 1922 and 1923 under the provisions of the Educational Tax Act?

A. 1922—\$179,265.42

1923— 246,127.37

\$425,392.79

Q. 2. Of the above total how much was collected in respect of land held under grazing permit or lease from the Government of Canada?

A. 1922—\$29,690.66
 1923— 24,018.34

\$53,709.00

Q. 3. How much was paid in 1922 and 1923 respectively from the above collections mentioned in paragraph 2 to the various School Districts entitled thereto?

A. 1922—\$32,376.45
 1923— 924.80

Q. 4. How much remained on hand on December 31st, 1923, for distribution to the School Districts mentioned in paragraph 3?

A. \$32,838.77.

Q. 5. How much of said grazing lease tax collected has been paid since December 31st, 1923; to what School Districts, and in what amounts?

A. Nil.

Q. 6. How much still remains for distribution to the various School Districts entitled?

A. \$32,838.77.

Q. 7. To what fund was the revenue collected in 1922 and 1923 under the provisions of The Educational Tax Act paid?

A. Taxes on Lease Lands into General Revenue—on other lands into Educational Trust Account "D."

Q. 8. If the said revenue was paid into General Revenue, was the same paid to a "special account" in General Revenue Fund, and what is the name of the "special account" and how much is now standing to the credit of this "special account"?

A. Yes—"Special Account," Sec. 12 Educational Tax Act—\$32,838.77.

Dr. Stewart asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Ross:

With regard to F. J. Caley—

Q. 1. How long was he employed with Department of Public Works?

A. November 1909 to March, 1924.

Q. 2. How long was he employed as Bursar at Lethbridge Gaol?

A. September, 1912 to March, 1924.

Q. 3. Has he been removed from this position?

A. Yes.

Q. 4. If so, for what reason?

A. Services not satisfactory.

Q. 5. If so, how much notice was he given?

A. Paid one month's salary in lieu of notice.

Q. 6. Has any retiring allowance been given him?

A. No.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mr. Davidson:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the laws with respect to the naturalization of aliens should not operate either in the Dominion or in the Provinces to deprive a woman of her right to vote in elections, who, being a British subject, has mar-

ried an alien, and who has, excepting for the contract of marriage, done no act to alienate her citizenship, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada.

A debate followed.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Hon. Mrs. Parlby:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Parliament of Canada should amend the divorce laws of this Dominion now in effect in the Province of Alberta in such a way as to grant equal rights and privileges to husbands and wives, with respect to the causes or acts which entitle them to remedy by way of divorce, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada.

A debate followed.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the following motion:

Moved by Mr. W. C. Smith, seconded by Mr. Enzenauer:

That in the opinion of this Legislature it is expedient and of public importance that leave should be granted the mover hereof to introduce a Bill:

1. To compel the Minister of Agriculture to keep an up-to-date list of all country and terminal elevators in Canada, with location, names and addresses of owners and operators and, in case of a corporation, the names and addresses of its officers.
2. To provide for the licensing and bonding of country elevator agents.
3. To compel bonding companies to give reasons for their refusal to grant a bond to any country elevator agent and to punish such bonding company and every person found guilty of black-listing as under the Act provided;
4. To make all necessary regulations under said Bill;
5. To compel returns to be made to the Minister of Agriculture;
6. To provide for Inspector and Auditor relative to agents' books and business;
7. To authorize the Minister of Agriculture to carry out investigations upon complaints and under the Act.
8. To compel said agents in their dealing to preserve the identity of grain in that they shall not sell or offer for sale grain on a lower grade or a higher dockage than that upon which said grain was received into said country elevator.
9. To compel every agent or other person from selling any compound or mixture, imitation or substitute or offering the same for sale unless the same is correctly labelled so as not likely to deceive any person with respect to their true nature;
10. To declare that all overages in respect of grain handled by said agents shall be the property of the producers of said grain;
11. To compel the Minister of Agriculture to publish in the press of this Province actual market values of Canadian grain in

- the markets of Liverpool as well as railway freight rates and ocean tonnage and terminal elevators' tariffs from Fort William, Port Arthur and Vancouver to Liverpool aforesaid.
12. To provide penalties for offences under said Bill;
 13. To provide that fines and penalties and fees shall find their way into the treasury of this Province;
 14. To provide limitation of action.
 15. To provide the coming into force of said Bill.

Mr. Marshall raised a Point of Order that the Bill involved the expenditure of money, and, therefore, required the recommendation of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker ruled that the point was one very generally recognized and quite often invoked, and the objection was sustained and the motion declared out of order.

The motion therefore dropped.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House adjourns tonight (Tuesday) it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10 a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to Domestic Relations."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow, Wednesday.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 29, An Act respecting the Limitation of Actions,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

The Hon. Mr. Greenfield moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

Mr. Matheson moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Law of Landlord and Tenant."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Baker have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The School Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 1, An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow, Wednesday.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 26, An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders for Second reading."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 38, An Act to amend The Insanity Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock p.m. to Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock a.m.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 12:35 o'clock p.m. to this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1924, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Thursday).

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Act respecting Co-operative Credits.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Act Respecting Co-operative Credits, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend The Act Respecting Co-operative Credits."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Act Respecting Co-operative Credits."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 38, An Act to amend The Insanity Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Brown reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two Platoon

System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Amounts spent on certain Main Highways during 1921, 1922 and 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 73*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Balance to credit of, and Ledger Account showing Receipts and Disbursements in regard to, Improvement Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 74*).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Taxes collected, money spent on roads, local and district highways and for other purposes, in Improvement or Municipal Districts. (*Sessional Paper No. 75*).

Mr. Davidson asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield in the form of a Statement to the House:

Q. 1. Has the Government held an investigation, as promised by the Premier in this House last Session, into charges made in the report of the Department of Railways against the C.P.R. in the administration of Government Railways in the Province?

Q. 2. If so, have the investigators reported their investigations?

Q. 3. Has their report been presented to the Government?

Q. 4. Has their report been presented to the Legislature?

STATEMENT

"The Government considers it advisable to reply to the question of the Honourable Member for Calgary with the following statement:

"I concluded my statement to the Legislature on March 20th, 1923, with the following words:

"It is the intention of the Government therefore to have certain enquiries made, which have indeed been invited by Mr. Coleman, and I am authorized by Mr. Coleman to say that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will be willing to co-operate in such enquiry to the fullest extent, in order that the people of this Province may be entirely satisfied that the monies advanced by the Province have been expended in a manner consistent with the duty of the Company as Manager of this Railway line under its agreement with the Provincial Government."

"The Government at first considered a public enquiry by a judicial or partly judicial, tribunal would best satisfy the public mind on the questions at issue. Negotiations with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as to the nature of the tribunal proceeded to the point where an agreement was reached that a Supreme Court Judge should act as chairman of the Enquiry Board, but upon the Government applying to the Department of Justice of the Dominion Government for the necessary consent of that Department, pursuant to section 35 of The Judges' Act, the Minister of Justice declined to consent to a judge acting in this capacity. The effort to establish this form of tribunal therefore failed. Inasmuch as the questions raised in the departmental report involve a legal interpretation of certain paragraphs of the agreement of July, 1920, on which there are wide differences of opinion, the Government is not satisfied that the conclusions of any other form of tribunal would be satisfactory.

"However, the Government has caused to be made independent investigations with regard to the physical condition of the railways concerned and will continue to gather all information possible for its guidance in dealing with the questions raised by the departmental report in order to determine whether the monies advanced by the Province have been expended and the management and operation conducted in a manner consistent with the duty of the Company as Manager of this railway line.

"It has already been pointed out that inasmuch as the agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of July, 1920, expires in 1925, the first duty of the Government this year must be a thorough and comprehensive survey of the whole situation in order to recommend to this Legislature, at its next Session, a policy with respect to the future of the line in the event that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company does not exercise its option under the agreement. In view of the importance of the issues involved, the Government does not consider it would be in the public interest to make public the result of the investigations to date, but the report of such investigations will be available to this House when it is called upon to consider the disposition of this railway line."

Mr. Mills asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by Hon. Mr. Smith:

Q. 1. On what dates, respectively, was construction work commenced on the extension to the Central Canada Railway from Berwyn and on the branch line of the E.D. & B.C. Railway from Grande Prairie City westerly, and when was the work discontinued, and what engineers were in charge of the work on behalf of the Government?

A. Grading on the extension of the Central Canada Railway was commenced September 5th, 1923, and discontinued on November 17th, 1923. Grading on the extension of the Grande Prairie Branch of the E.D. & B.C. Railway was commenced August 25th, 1923, was discontinued on December 6th, 1923.

The above construction was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Jno. Callaghan, Deputy Minister of Railways & Telephones, with Mr. H. G. Dimsdale, Engineer, in charge of the work. Mr. J. W. S. Chappelle and Mr. H. W. R. Shepherd were the Resident Engineers on the Central Canada Railway and Grande Prairie Branch extensions, respectively.

Q. 2. What was the nature and extent of the work done on each extension and what was the total cost of the work in each case?

A. On the Grande Prairie Branch extension the grading and culverts were 53% completed upon the cessation of work. All the necessary ties, fence-posts, telegraph poles and piling required for the work have been delivered. The total cost of the grading done and material delivered as at December 31st, 1923, was \$74,502.38. On the Central Canada extension the grading and culverts were 35% completed when the work closed down. All ties, fence-posts, and telegraph poles have been delivered for this extension also. The total cost of grading done and material delivered on the Central Canada Railway Extension as at December 31st, 1923, was \$52,365.69.

Q. 3. Give names of the contractors in each case and the place of business and residence.

A. James W. Mohler of Ohaton, Alberta, is the contractor for all grading and culverts, erection of bridges, right-of-way fencing, and telephone line, on both extensions.

Frank Donald of Grande Prairie, Alberta, is the contractor for the delivery of ties, fence-posts, telephone poles and piling required for both extensions.

Q. 4. What was the price per acre allowed and paid the contractor for clearing and grubbing the right-of-way of said extension?

A. The price paid the contractor for clearing and grubbing on both extensions was \$24 and \$50 per acre, respectively.

Q. 5. Give price per yard as per classification for dirt moved, viz.: common earth, grader work, loose rock and solid rock, and the cost per yard of moving waste dirt.

A. The contract price for the various classes of material moved on the two extensions was as follows:

Earth	\$.20	per cu. yard
Hardpan43	" " "
Loose Rock48	" " "
Solid Rock	1.24	" " "

Moved by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:—
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. On what date were fiscal agents appointed by the Government for the sale of Provincial Bonds and on what basis are they paid for their services?

2. Give copies of all contracts or correspondence forming the basis of the contracts between the Provincial Treasurer or his Department and such fiscal agents.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Brownlee, seconded by Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill for an Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

Ordered, That the resolution be now read a Second time.

The resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Friday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 36, An Act respecting Slot Machines,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 42, An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle moved that Bill No. 42, An Act to Regu-

late the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors, be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Bills.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it.

The said Bill was therefore committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 38, An Act to amend The Insanity Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 25, An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 11:45 o'clock p.m., to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 3rd, 1924, respecting Fiscal Agents appointed by the Government for the sale of Provincial Bonds. (*Sessional Paper No. 76*).

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Reid:

That when this House rises tonight (Friday) it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. McLennan:

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Government introduce Legislation at the present Session of the Legislature providing for an amendment to the Municipal Districts Act by providing a means for voting in Municipal Elections for such citizens of the Province who for conscientious reasons do not desire to vote on Saturday.

A debate followed.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it.

The motion was therefore lost.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 36, An Act respecting Slot Machines, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 31, An Act to amend The School Assessment Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Associations,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 39, An Act respecting Areas situated along the Borders of the Province,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply)

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:25 o'clock p.m. to Saturday at 10 o'clock a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Ross, seconded by Hon. Mr. Reid:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).

The Hon. Mr. Ross, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill for An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).

Ordered, That the resolution be now read a Second time.

The resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Ross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises from its present sitting it shall stand adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Brownlee, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to amend the Statute Law.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for an Act to amend the Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill for An Act to amend the Statute Law.

Ordered, That the resolution be now read a Second time.

The resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Statute Law."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 37, An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee moved that the said Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Boyle moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 39, An Act respecting Areas situated along the Borders of the Province, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Associations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 12 o'clock, noon, until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1924, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Associations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 31, An Act to amend The School Assessment Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that some further progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m. to Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Second reading of Bill No. 37, An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

The debate continued.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore carried.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).

The Hon. Mr. Ross moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

A debate followed.

Mr. McKeen moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 46, An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board,
The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 42, An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply).

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that some further progress had been made and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 1:10 o'clock a.m. to today (Tuesday), at 3 o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 18th, 1924, respecting Advertising and Job Printing, 1917 to 1923. (*Sessional Paper No. 77*).

Dr. Stewart asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by Hon. Mr. Smith:

Re Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District—

Q. 1. What Government Official is responsible for the supervision of the affairs of this District?

A. L. C. Charlesworth, Chairman of the Irrigation Council.

Q. 2. Where does he reside?

A. At Edmonton.

Q. 3. Has the Government an Official residing in Lethbridge or the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District who is responsible to the Government for the supervision of the affairs of this District?

A. The Irrigation Council has an office in Lethbridge with James Colley in charge, and Mr. Charlesworth divides his time between Lethbridge and Edmonton.

Q. 4. If not, is it the intention of the Government to appoint such Official, and when?

A. No change in the arrangements is contemplated at the present time.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:—
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. With respect to Dominion School Lands the amount of arrears of interest owing the Province as of December 31st, 1923.

2. The amount of the principal sum being proceeds of the sale of School Lands in the Province as of December 31st, 1923.

3. The amount of the principal sum due but unpaid to the Dominion on account of the Province in connection with the sale of School Lands as of December 31st, 1923.

4. The rate of interest and the annual amount payable by the Dominion on the portion of the School Land Fund on hand and the rate of interest which the uncollected portion of the School Land Fund bears.

5. The nature of the securities in which the School Land Fund for Alberta is invested, the total amount of the sum and the amounts of the uninvested portion thereof, and the rate of interest allowed the Province in each case.

6. Showing whether or not this Province has made claim upon the Dominion Government for the difference in the rate of interest previously allowed the Province on the said School Land Fund, and the annual rate of interest allowed under the provisions of The Dominion School Lands Act.

7. The various rates of interest paid by the Dominion to the Province on the School Land Fund from 1905 to 1923, inclusive, under the provisions of Chap. 55, R. S. Canada, Sec. 92.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:—
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The details with respect to the undermentioned Improvement Districts of the Expenditures during 1923 for—

(a) Medical Attendance and Relief;

(b) Mothers' Allowance;

and showing the names and addresses of persons to whom payments were made and on whose account services were rendered.

Improvement District Nos.: 124, 154, 155, 156, 184, 185, 186, 216, 217, 218, 247, 248.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Progress up to December 31st, 1923, of the extension of the Alberta Government Telephone System in terms of the construction in pole miles and wire miles—

(a) Long distance offices,

(b) Rural lines,

(c) Exchanges,

(d) Toll offices in each year since the system was organized.

2. The pole and wire mileage of that portion of the system acquired by purchase.

3. The total cost of the system to date.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Dechene:—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. With respect to the undermentioned Improvement Districts details of the expenditure during the year 1923 for—

(a) Medical Attendance and Relief;

(b) Mothers' Allowance;

and showing the names and addresses of persons to whom payments were made and on whose account and the amount of the payments in each case.

Improvement District Nos.: 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 755, 764, 765, 766, 794, 795, 796, 825.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises tonight it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

1. That the Government should continue its negotiations with the Dominion Government for the immediate transfer to the Province of its natural resources.

2. While reaffirming the belief that in any settlement the Province is justly entitled to compensation for resources alienated for purely Federal purposes, nevertheless, this House is of the opinion that special consideration must be given to the actual and potential value of the resources of this Province and the possibility of early extensive development and the necessity for provincial control to ensure a speedy and full development of all resources.

3. Having regard to the foregoing, and the definite refusal of the Dominion Government to consider any compensation for resources alienated for purely Federal purposes, this House authorizes the Government, for the purpose of obtaining an immediate settlement of this important question, to accept the offer of the Dominion Government to transfer to the Province its resources on the basis of an accounting from 1905, subject to an agreement to be reached as to the terms of such accounting and the terms of the transfer; provided, however, that the Government is further authorized to accept such fixed sum to be paid

by the Dominion to the Province, in lieu of such accounting, as it shall consider adequate after a further consideration of the probable result of such an accounting.

A debate followed.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Motions other than Government Motions."

Moved by Mr. W. C. Smith, seconded by Mr. Andrews:

Whereas, The present method of marketing grain at Country Elevators is subject to abuses, often resulting in serious loss to the farmer so marketing his grain;

And whereas, This House can remedy these conditions by instituting a System of Inspection by the Licensing of Country Elevator Agents;

Therefore be it resolved, That this House is of the opinion that legislation should be enacted as follows:

1. To require the Minister of Agriculture to keep an up-to-date list of all Country and Terminal Elevators in Canada, with location, names and addresses of owners and operators, and, in case of a Corporation, the names and addresses of its officers.

2. To provide for the licensing and bonding of country elevator agents.

3. To compel bonding companies to give reasons for their refusal to grant a bond to any country elevator agent and to punish such bonding company and every person found guilty of black-listing as under the Act provided.

4. To make all necessary regulations.

5. To compel returns to be made to the Minister of Agriculture.

6. To provide for Inspector and Auditor relative to agents' books and business.

7. To authorize the Minister of Agriculture to carry out investigations upon complaints.

8. To compel said agents in their dealing to preserve the identity of grain in that they shall not sell or offer for sale grain on a lower grade or a higher dockage than that upon which said grain was received into said country elevator.

9. To compel every agent or other person from selling any compound or mixture, imitation or substitute or offering the same for sale unless the same is correctly labelled so as not likely to deceive any person with respect to their true nature.

10. To declare that all overages in respect of grain handled by said agents shall be the property of the producers of said grain.

11. To require the Minister of Agriculture to publish in the press of this Province actual market values of Canadian grain in the markets of Liverpool as well as railway freight rates and ocean tonnage and terminal elevators tariffs from Fort William, Port Arthur and Vancouver to Liverpool aforesaid.

12. To provide penalties for offences.

13. To provide that fines and penalties and fees shall find their way into the Treasury of this Province.

A debate followed.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Continued debate on the above motion.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs	Matheson	
	Shield	
	Carson	
	Moore	
	McKeen	
	Brown	
	St. Arnaud	
	Buckley	
	Smith (W. C.)	
	Enzenauer	
	Chornohus	
	Cross	
	Christophers	
	Johnston (W. G.)	14

Against the motion:

Messieurs	Greenfield	
	Brownlee	
	Hoadley	
	Reid	
	Parlby (Mrs.)	
	Smith (V. W.)	
	Baker	
	Love	
	Claypool	
	Forster	
	MacLachlan	
	Galbraith	
	Joly	
	Washburn	
	Farquharson	
	Cook	
	Smith (G. W.)	
	Stringam	
	Johnston (G. N.)	
	Sanders	
	Proudfoot	
	Boyle	
	Mitchell	
	McClung (Mrs.)	
	Mills	
	Dechene	
	Marshall	
	McLennan	
	Bowen	
	Stewart (Dr).	
	Pearson	
	Davidson	32

The motion was therefore lost.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Government Motions."

Moved by Hon. Mr. Smith, seconded by Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Whereas, The great and urgent need for transportation facilities which will relieve the serious conditions existing in the Agricultural Areas of the Peace River District is apparent;

And whereas, If further de-population of this already well developed and proved territory is to be avoided and development of its great resources to continue, relief must be immediately given.

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislature urge upon the Federal Government the immediate and pressing need for such further railway construction as will ensure to the settlers of the Peace River District more direct connection with markets, with a view to reducing the cost of transportation, and thereby relieving them from the unfavorable economic conditions which exist at the present time.

A debate followed.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Greenfield have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting The Village of Provost."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Greenfield have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting The Village of Falher."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Hospitals Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow (Wednesday).

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Second reading of Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).

The debate continued.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore carried.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 42, An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Second reading of Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of Supply."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply)

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions, and the same were read as follows:

ESTIMATES, 1924.

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Four Million, Forty-two Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars and Sixteen Cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Public Debt.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Seventy-two Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Executive Council.

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Ninety-four Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Legislation.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred and Eighty-nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Agriculture Department.

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Attorney General's Department.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-one Thousand, Six Hundred and Four Dollars and Fifty Cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Education Department.

7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Sixty-three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Municipal Affairs Department.

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-six Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Provincial Secretary's Department.

9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Public Health Department.

10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Three Million, Sixty-nine Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Public Works Department.

11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Railways and Telephones Department (Railways Branch).

12. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-four Dollars and Fifty Cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Treasury Department.

13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Three Million, Two Hundred and Forty-five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-five Dollars and Eighty-one Cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1924, for Railways and Telephones Department (Telephones Branch).

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1923.

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Forty-six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars and Thirty-five Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Public Debt.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars and Forty-two Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Civil Government (Provincial Auditor's Office).

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Eighty-three Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Public Works.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars and Eighty Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Education.

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Four Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Agriculture.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars and Forty-five Cents be granted to His Majesty for the year ended December 31st, 1923, for Miscellaneous.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1925.

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Public Debt.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Sixty Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Executive Council.

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-three Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Legislation.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Agriculture Department.

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Attorney General's Department.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Education Department.

7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Municipal Affairs Department.

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Provincial Secretary's Department.

9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars be

granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Public Health Department.

10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Public Works Department.

11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Four Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Railways and Telephones Department (Railways Branch).

12. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-one Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Treasury Department.

13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars be granted to His Majesty for the period from 1st day of January, 1925, up to the date of the final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, for Railways and Telephones Department (Telephones Branch).

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The said Resolutions were then twice read and agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions, and the same were read as follows:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1924, the sum of Eighteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-seven Dollars and Ninety-six cents be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province.

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1923, the sum of Six Hundred and Thirty-two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Fourteen Cents be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province.

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the period from the first day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925, the sum of Five Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-one Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The said Resolutions were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1923, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1924, and from the First day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the estimates for the Fiscal Year ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1925."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for Second reading now.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 48, An Act for granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1923, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1924, and from the First day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1925.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered; That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Wednesday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Committee of the Whole House."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered; That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Wednesday).

The House adjourned at 11:15 o'clock p.m., to Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock a.m.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce Bill No. 49, intituled "An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for Second reading today.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Brownlee, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill to Impose a Tax upon Gasoline.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee, a Member of the Executive Council then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill to Impose a Tax upon Gasoline, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Impose a Tax upon Gasoline."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Brownlee have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Impose a Tax upon Gasoline."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for Second reading today.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Reid, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hoadley:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a Resolution respecting a Bill to amend The Savings Certificates Act.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting a Bill to amend The Savings Certificates Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Reid have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for Second reading today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 51, An Act respecting The Village of Provost.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 52, An Act respecting The Village of Falher.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the following motion:
Moved by Mr. Davidson:

Resolved, That the Government be advised to instruct officials in the employ of this Province other than Cabinet Ministers to attend no party caucuses or conventions, or any other meetings of Members of this Legislature, except such meetings as are regularly ordered by this House, and meetings of the Executive Council.

By unanimous consent of the House the motion was withdrawn.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 37, An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924, respecting Expenses of Officials who travelled outside the Province. (*Sessional Paper No. 78*).

Ordered, That the Rules respecting Notices of Motions be suspended.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That Rule 100 of the Rules of the House be suspended and that the House meet at 8 o'clock tonight (Wednesday).

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1924, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 8th, 1924, respecting Dominion School Lands. (*Sessional Paper No. 79*).

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Second reading of Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley moved that the Bill be now read a Second time.

The motion being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Brownlee
Hoadley
Reid
Ross
Parlby (Mrs.)
Baker
Love
Matheson
Claypool
Forster
MacLachlan
Shield

Carson
 McKeen
 Brown
 Joly
 Andrews
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Cook
 Smith (W.C.)
 Smith (G.W.)
 Stringam
 Johnston (G. N.)
 Sanders
 Enzenauer
 Proudfoot
 Fedun
 Chornohus
 White 32

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle
 Mitchell
 Cross
 Tobin
 McClung (Mrs.)
 Dechene
 Marshall
 Heffernan
 McLennan
 Bowen
 Stewart (Dr.)
 Pearson
 Davidson
 Johnston (W. G.)
 Milnes
 Galbraith
 Moore 17

Paired: Washburn (For) and Mills (Against).

The motion for the Second reading of the Bill was therefore carried.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be placed on the Order Paper for Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 43, An Act to amend The School Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 55, An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 54, An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act, The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 49, An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 51, An Act respecting The Village of Provost, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 52, An Act respecting The Village of Falher, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 54, An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 43, An Act to amend The School Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 55, An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Thursday).

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders for Second Reading."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 53, An Act to amend The Hospitals Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House now.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 53, An Act to amend The Hospitals Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 46, An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 13, An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways,

The Hon. Mr. Ross moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Bowen:

That the Order be discharged and the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and, the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Tobin
McClung (Mrs.)
Mills
Marshall
Heffernan
McLennan
Bowen
Milnes

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Brownlee
Hoadley
Reid
Ross
Smith (V. W.)
Baker
Love
Forster
MacLachlan

Galbraith
Smith (N. S.)
Shield
Moore
McKeen
Washburn
Andrews
Farquharson
Cook
Smith (W. C.)
Smith (G. W.)
Johnston (G. N.)
Proudfoot
Fedun
Chornohus
Pearson
Davidson
White 27

The amendment was declared lost.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 11, An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Hospital Facilities in connection with the University of Alberta."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Game Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Game Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 17, An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 1, An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 12, An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 38, An Act to amend The Insanity Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Insanity Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 39, An Act respecting Areas situated along the Borders of the Province,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Areas situated along the Borders of the Province."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 31, An Act to amend The School Assessment Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The School Assessment Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 42, An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 48, An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1923, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1924, and from the First day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1925.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1923, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1924, and from the First day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1925."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly,

The Hon. Mr. Ross moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Davidson moved as an amendment:

That the Order be discharged and the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House now.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and, the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs	Boyle	
	Mitchell	
	Tobin	
	Marshall	
	Heffernan	
	McLennan	
	Bowen	
	Pearson	
	Davidson	
	White	
	Johnston (W. G.)	
	Cameron	
	Smith (W. C.)	13

Against the amendment:

Messieurs	Brownlee
	Hoadley
	Reid
	Ross
	Smith (V. W.)
	Baker
	Love
	Forster
	Milnes
	MacLachlan
	Galbraith
	Smith (N. S.)
	Shield
	Moore
	McKeen
	Washburn
	Andrews
	Farquharson
	Cook
	Smith (G. W.)

Johnston (G. N.)
Sanders
Proudfoot
Fedun
Chornohus
Mills

The amendment was declared lost.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 20, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 26, An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 36, An Act respecting Slot Machines,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole House tomorrow (Thursday).

Ordered, That the Rules respecting Notices of Motions be suspended.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee,

That when this House rises tonight, it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

The House adjourned at 6:40 o'clock to Thursday at 10 o'clock a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Dechene asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Greenfield:

Q. 1. In what capacity was W. J. Jackman of Bremner employed with this Government?

A. Appointed a Member of the Assessment Equalization Board by Order-in-Council No. 921 in the year 1920.

Q. 2. What services did he render to the Government for each of the months in 1921, 1922 and 1923? And how much did the Government pay him for such services for each of the months mentioned?

A. As Member of above Board.

1921—January, \$419.30; February, \$392.00; March, \$247.00; April, \$386.00; May, \$388.05; June, \$80.00.

1922—April, \$274.00; May, \$456.00; June, \$220.00; July, \$446.00; August, \$456.00; September, \$440.00; October, \$392.00; November, \$344.00; December, \$402.00.

1923—January, \$306.00; February, \$398.00; March, \$378.00; April, \$384.00; May, \$384.00; June, \$326.00; July, \$240.00; August, \$56.00; September, \$16.00; December, \$32.00.

Total, \$7,862.00.

Q. 3. Did he render any account for travelling expenses? If so, what is the amount for each of the months employed?

A. Yes. 1921—January, \$1.30.

1922—April, \$2.95; May, \$57.40; July, \$42.76; August, \$403.05; September, \$136.80. (Expenses for August and September include repairs to car). October, \$98.15; November, \$3.50; December, \$15.70.

1923—January, \$10.45; March, \$51.05; April, \$3.60; May, \$34.75; June, \$22.70; July, \$10.65; December, 90c.

Q. 4. Had he an office in the buildings and any staff? If so, how many, and who were they, and how much were they paid?

A. An office was set apart in the buildings for the Equalization Board. No staff was employed by the Board, but one of the stenographers of the Department of Municipal Affairs wrote whatever letters were required. Up to the close of 1922 one stenographer was paid out of the vote for the Board \$1,915.39, and since that time the staff of stenographers of the Department have been taking care of the small amount of correspondence necessary.

Q. 5. Was his position permanent or temporary?

A. The position is a permanent one, subject to the will of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, but the services to be rendered are not continuous.

Q. 6. What Minister was he responsible to?

A. The Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 5, An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 12:15 o'clock p.m. to this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1924, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund), and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bills No. 43, An Act to amend The School Act; No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches; No. 53, An Act to amend The Hospitals Act; and No. 20, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the four Bills with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments.

Mr. McKeen moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Marshall moved as an amendment, that the Bill be recommended to Committee of the Whole House with instructions.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs	Greenfield	
	Brownlee	
	Reid	
	Smith (V. W.)	
	Baker	
	Love	
	Milnes	
	Shield	
	Moore	
	Brown	
	Washburn	
	Andrews	
	St. Arnaud	
	Smith (G. W.)	
	Stringam	
	Johnston (G. N.)	
	Sanders	
	Proudfoot	
	Boyle	
	Mitchell	
	Cross	
	Tobin	
	Mills	
	Dechene	
	Marshall	
	Heffernan	
	McLennan	
	Bowen	
	Stewart (Dr.)	29

Against the amendment:

Messieurs	Hoadley	
	Ross	
	Parlby (Mrs.)	
	Matheson	
	Claypool	
	Forster	
	Cameron	
	Joly	
	Buckley	
	Farquharson	
	Smith (W. C.)	
	Enzenauer	
	Fedun	
	Chornohus	
	Pearson	
	Davidson	
	White	
	Christophers	
	Johnston (W. G.)	19

The amendment was declared carried.

The said Bill was accordingly recommitted to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Hon. Mr. Reid, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 11th, 1924, respecting Printing and Advertising to various Firms, for the years 1923 and 1924. (*Sessional Paper No. 80*).

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Statute Law,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments,

Mr. Cameron moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. McLennan moved as an amendment, That the Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole House with instructions.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
Heffernan
McLennan
Bowen
Stewart (Dr).
Galbraith
Smith (N. S.)
Washburn
Peterson
Stringam
Johnston (G. N.)
Sanders
Proudfoot

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Greenfield
Hoadley
Reid
Ross
Parlby (Mrs.)

Smith (V. W.)
 Baker
 Claypool
 Forster
 MacLachlan
 Cameron
 Carson
 McKeen
 Andrews
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Cook
 Smith (W. C.)
 Enzenauer
 Cross
 Pearson
 Davidson
 White
 Christophers
 Johnston (W. G.) 25

The amendment was declared lost.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Two Platoon System for the Employees of Permanent Fire Departments."

The Order' of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 51, An Act respecting The Village of Provost,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting The Village of Provost."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 52, An Act respecting The Village of Falher,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting The Village of Falher."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 54, An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act,

The Hon. Mr. Hoadley moved that the Order be discharged and the Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole House now.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock

Encouragement Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with further amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Friday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 46, An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 10:15 o'clock p.m., to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Prior to the reading of the Orders of the Day, Mr. Milnes, Honourable Member for Claresholm, made a statement to the House with reference to his position as a Member and requested Mr. Speaker to arrange a seat for him to Mr. Speaker's left. Mr. Speaker replied that he would be pleased to accede to the Honourable Member's request.

The Order of the Day being read for the continued debate on the following motion:

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

1. That the Government should continue its negotiations with the Dominion Government for the immediate transfer to the Province of its natural resources.

2. While reaffirming the belief that in any settlement the Province is justly entitled to compensation for resources alienated for purely Federal purposes, nevertheless this House is of the opinion that special consideration must be given to the actual and potential value of the resources of this Province and the possibility of early extensive development and the necessity for Provincial control to ensure a speedy and full development of all resources.

3. Having regard to the foregoing, and the definite refusal of the Dominion Government to consider any compensation for resources alienated for purely Federal purposes, this House authorizes the Government, for the purpose of obtaining an immediate settlement of this important question, to accept the offer of the Dominion Government to transfer to the Province its resources on the basis of an accounting from 1905, subject to an agreement to be reached as to the terms of such accounting and the terms of the transfer; provided, however, that the Govern-

ment is further authorized to accept such fixed sum to be paid by the Dominion to the Province, in lieu of such accounting, as it shall consider adequate after a further consideration of the probable result of such an accounting.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlee moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Reid:

That sections 2 and 3 of the motion be struck out and the following be substituted therefor:

"For the purpose of obtaining an immediate settlement of this important question, this House authorizes the Government to accept the offer of the Dominion Government to transfer to the Province its natural resources on the basis of an accounting from 1905, subject to an agreement to be reached as to the terms of such accounting and the terms of the transfer; provided, however, that the Government is further authorized to accept such fixed sum to be paid by the Dominion to the Province, in lieu of such accounting, as it shall consider adequate after a further consideration of the probable result of such an accounting."

The motion as amended was unanimously agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 16, An Act to Provide for Giving Threshers a Lien in Certain Cases,

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hoadley that, by the unanimous consent of the House, the Order be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 47, An Act to amend The Act respecting Co-operative Credits,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be placed on the Order Paper for Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 45, An Act to Provide for the Imposition of a Tax upon Gasoline,

Moved by Hon. Mr. Brownlee that, by the unanimous consent of the House, the Order be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions,

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 25, An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 55, An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 30, An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund),

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund)."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 43, An Act to amend The School Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The School Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 53, An Act to amend The Hospitals Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Hospitals Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 20, An Act to amend The Acts and Ordinances constituting The Charter of the City of Calgary, and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary.

Mr. White moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Marshall moved, as an amendment, That the Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole House.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and, the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Cross
Tobin
McClung (Mrs.)
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
McLennan
Bowen

Stewart (Dr.)	
Milnes	
Moore	
Washburn	
Sanders	15

Against the amendment:

Messieurs	Greenfield	
	Hoadley	
	Reid	
	Ross	
	Parlby (Mrs.)	
	Smith (V. W.)	
	Baker	
	Love	
	Matheson	
	Claypool	
	Forster	
	Cameron	
	Galbraith	
	Shield	
	McKeen	
	Brown	
	Joly	
	Andrews	
	St. Arnaud	
	Buckley	
	Farquharson	
	Smith (W. C.)	
	Smith (G. W.)	
	Stringam	
	Johnston (G. N.)	
	Proudfoot	
	Fedun	
	Pearson	
	Davidson	
	White	
	Christophers	
	Johnston (W. G.)	32

The amendment was therefore lost.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Acts and Ordinances constituting The Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate Certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of

Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Brown reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Associations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 46, An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 36, An Act respecting Slot Machines, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 49, An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Saturday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Government Motions."

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises tonight (Friday) it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stal-lion, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with further amend-ments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Sat-urday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 47, An Act to amend The Act respecting Co-operative Credits, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 26, An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re-sumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amend-ments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Sat-urday).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and High-way Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Com-mittee have leave to sit again.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time tomorrow (Sat-urday).

The House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock p.m. to Saturday at 10 o'clock a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1924.

The Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock a.m.

At the opening of the House the Hon. Mr. Hoadley rose to a Point of Privilege to draw the attention of the House to the publication in The Morning Bulletin of April 12th of a statement made by the Honourable Member for Claresholm, Mr. Milnes, regarding his withdrawal from the Government side of the House and the placing of his seat to the left of the Speaker. Hon. Mr. Hoadley took exception to the sentence in Mr. Milnes' published statement worded as follows: "And therefore at the opening session I accepted a seat on the Government side of the House." Mr. Hoadley stated that the word "accept" was given in the dictionary as meaning to take something that had been offered. No seat had been offered on the Government side of the House to the Honourable Member for Claresholm. The Honourable Member had joined the Government side of the House voluntarily and had left it in the same manner, stated Mr. Hoadley, and he wished to correct the wrong impression conveyed by the published statement.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Hon. Mr. Brownlee:

That when this House rises from its present sitting it shall stand adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Smith, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table of the House a Return to an Order of the House dated April 8th, 1924, respecting Progress to December 31st, 1923, of Extension of Alberta Government Telephone System. (*Sessional Paper No. 81.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 15, An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 14, An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 26, An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 28, An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 36, An Act respecting Slot Machines,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Slot Machines."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 46, An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 47, An Act to amend The Alberta Co-operative Credit Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled, "An Act to amend The Alberta Co-operative Credit Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 49, An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue Fund of Alberta."

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 12:50 o'clock p.m., to this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1924, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. MacLachlan, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

Your Committee has had under consideration a section of the Statute Law Amendments relating to Agreements between the City of Red Deer and the Western General Electric Co., Ltd., and begs to recommend that the application of the City be not proceeded with at this Session of the Legislature.

Your Committee further recommends that the Executive Council submit to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners an order authorizing them to investigate all agreements between the City of Red Deer and the Western General Electric Co., Ltd., and such other matters as the Executive Council shall direct, and present a report at the commencement of the next Session of this House.

That any agreement which the Western General Electric Co., Ltd., is now making, or has entered into, between itself and any other party, or parties, not already authorized by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, shall not be considered as essential or binding when consideration is being given by this Legislature to the next application of the City of Red Deer.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Marketing Associations, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 37, An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

Mr. Forster, Chairman of the Printing Committee, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Printing begs to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that all Departmental Annual Reports of the current Session, the Synopsis of the various Statutes passed at the current Session, the Public Accounts for the year 1923, the Budget Speech, and the following Sessional Papers, numbered 35, 37, 47, 58, 60 and 77, be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved as an amendment, seconded by Hon. Mr. Boyle:

That the report of the Committee be amended by adding the following Sessional Papers to the number reported by the Committee to be printed, viz.: Nos. 13, 19, 26, 30, 34, 40, 43, 48, 50, 53, 55, 56, 61, 66, 67, 72, and 73.

A debate followed.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Noes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle
Mitchell
Cross
Tobin
Mills
Dechene
Marshall
Heffernan
McLennan
Bowen
Davidson
Johnston (W. G.)
Washburn

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Greenfield
Brownlee
Hoadley
Reid
Smith (V. W.)
Baker
Love
Matheson
Claypool
Galbraith
Smith (N. S.)
Carson

Brown
 St. Arnaud
 Buckley
 Farquharson
 Peterson
 Cook
 Smith (W. C.)
 Smith (G. W.)
 Johnston (G. N.)
 Sanders
 Chornohus
 McClung (Mrs.)
 White 25

The amendment was therefore lost.

The motion being again proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the "Ayes" have it, and the names being called for, were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Greenfield
 Brownlee
 Hoadley
 Reid
 Smith (V. W.)
 Baker
 Love
 Matheson
 Claypool
 Galbraith
 Smith (N. S.)
 Carson
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The motion was declared carried.

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1924, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. McKeen reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time today.

Ordered, That the House revert to Order of Business "Public Bills and Orders."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Co-operative Marketing Associations,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Co-operative Marketing Associations."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 37, An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 23, An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.
 The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.
 Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Statute Law,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.
 The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.
 Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Law."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 18, An Act to amend The Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter, and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton,
 Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.
 The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.
 Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton."

His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, having entered the House, and being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the titles to the Bills to be assented to as follows:

Bill No. 1.—"An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting Life Insurance Contracts."

Bill No. 5.—"An Act to amend The Lethbridge City Charter."

Bill No. 7.—"An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches."

Bill No. 8.—"An Act to Empower the Medicine Lake Collieries, Limited, to Construct and Operate a Colliery Railway."

Bill No. 9.—"An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter."

Bill No. 10.—"An Act to Incorporate the Burmis Carbon Railway Company."

Bill No. 11.—"An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act."

Bill No. 12.—"An Act to amend The Treasury Department Act."

Bill No. 13.—"An Act to Provide for the Raising of Money for the Improvement of Main Highways."

Bill No. 14.—"An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

Bill No. 15.—"An Act for the Enrolment of Stallions."

Bill No. 17.—"An Act to amend The Irrigation Districts Act."

Bill No. 18.—"An Act to amend the Acts constituting The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain Local Improvement By-laws of the City of Edmonton."

Bill No. 20.—“An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the Charter of the City of Calgary and to validate certain By-laws of the said City of Calgary.”

Bill No. 21.—“An Act respecting the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.”

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Bill No. 23.—“An Act respecting Vehicles and Highway Traffic.”

Bill No. 24.—“An Act to amend The Game Act.”

Bill No. 25.—“An Act respecting Benevolent and Other Societies.”

Bill No. 26.—“An Act to amend The Conditional Sales Act.”

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Bill No. 28.—“An Act respecting the Hours of Labor of Employees of Permanent Fire Departments.”

Bill No. 30.—“An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act (Accident Fund).”

Bill No. 31.—“An Act to amend The School Assessment Act.”

Bill No. 33.—“An Act respecting Co-operative Marketing Associations.”

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Bill No. 36.—“An Act respecting Slot Machines.”

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Bill No. 41.—“An Act to amend The Live Stock Encouragement Act.”

Bill No. 42.—“An Act to Regulate the Rights and Priorities of Landlords after a Voluntary Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors.”

Bill No. 43.—“An Act to amend The School Act.”

Bill No. 46.—“An Act to Establish a Farm Loan Board.”

Bill No. 47.—“An Act to amend The Alberta Co-operative Credit Act.”

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Bill No. 51.—“An Act respecting The Village of Provost.”

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Bill No. 53.—“An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.”

Bill No. 54.—“An Act to amend The Savings Certificates Act.”

Bill No. 55.—“An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act.”

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

“In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Mr. Speaker then said:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

"The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Years ending respectively the thirty-first day of December, 1923, and the thirty-first day of December, 1924, and from the first day of January, 1925, up to the date of final passage of the Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending the thirty-first day of December, 1925."

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in His Majesty's name."

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:

"MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA:

"At the conclusion of this, the Fourth Session of the Fifth Legislature, I congratulate you heartily on the result of your labours. It gives me pleasure to express my appreciation of the diligence, close attention and patient care you have shown in the discharge of your duties.

"I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the year. They will be expended with every regard for economy in maintaining the efficiency of the Public Service in the different Departments of the Government.

"In discharging you from further attendance, it is my earnest wish that Divine Providence may bestow its blessings upon this Province, and that the year may bring health, prosperity and contentment to all our people."

The Provincial Secretary then said:

"It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be now prorogued, and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued."

The House prorogued at 10:15 o'clock p.m.

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Correspondence in Connection with the Natural Resources Question

[COPY]

Edmonton, December 29th, 1923

MEMORANDUM RE NATURAL RESOURCES

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

In resuming negotiations with respect to the transfer to the Province of Alberta of its natural resources, I desire, on behalf of the Government of that Province, to summarize briefly the result of the more recent negotiations.

The position, when your Government took office, may be indicated by the following extract from a letter addressed to Premier Stewart by the Honourable Arthur Meighen, dated December 7th, 1920:

"In recent years at least, the difficulty in dealing with the problem has been not in any reluctance on the part of the Federal Government to transfer the resources in question but in arriving at terms acceptable or fairly acceptable to the Prairie Provinces on the one hand and to the remainder of the Dominion on the other."

The letter then suggests:

"If you (the Provincial Government) would be willing to abate the whole or part of such subsidy it would be of real value if you would state just the maximum extent to which you would be prepared to go."

I refer to this letter as indicating that the late Federal Government recognized the right of the Prairie Provinces to their resources, and from that time it became a question of reaching an agreement as to what extent the present subsidy should be abated.

Negotiations with your Government commenced with your letter of February 20th, 1922, which I think may be fairly summarized as follows:

(a) That if the Province would accept a settlement on the basis of the termination of the subsidy without any accounting the whole transfer might be quickly arranged and the land could without any further delay be handed over to the Province.

(b) In the alternative, your Government would agree to an accounting on a receipt and expenditure basis from the beginning by an independent tribunal, and any sum found due to the Province by the Dominion to be capitalized and interest adjusted in connection with the annual provincial subsidy.

(c) If, apart from the land subsidy question, the Eastern Provinces feel they have any claim, that claim would have to be considered on its merits, and it should not be an obstacle to a settlement between the Dominion and Prairie Provinces.

This letter was the basis of further conferences in Ottawa in April and November of last year which resulted in a definite offer to the Province by your Government, as confirmed in your letter of January 12th, 1923, of the transfer to the Province of the resources and the payment of the subsidy for three years to be construed "not as an obligation to continue the subsidy for the period mentioned, but rather as a consideration sufficient to meet what might be necessary in the way of outlay on the part of the Government of Alberta in effecting the transfer and arranging for the administration of the resources under its control." We were very much disappointed in the offer, inasmuch as apart from any consideration of the alienation of provincial land for Federal purposes, this offer of compensa-

tion is considerably less than the amount which your Department of Natural Resources estimated would be due the Province as a result of an accounting on a receipt and expenditure basis, as suggested in your letter of February 20th, 1922.

In now resuming negotiations, I assume that the Dominion Government recognizes the right of the Province (a) to its natural resources; (b) to payment of a sum sufficient to enable it to set up machinery for the administration of the resources; and (c) that any claim of the Eastern Provinces should be considered entirely apart from the matter of the transfer to the Province of its resources.

The Province, on the other hand, has consistently urged that, in addition to the transfer of their unalienated resources, we are entitled to compensation for lands alienated for purely Federal purposes, and the Government of Alberta still believes this would be a sound and equitable basis of settlement.

Recognizing, however, the desirability of avoiding any prolonged or expensive arbitration proceedings, the Alberta representatives, at the last conference, suggested that, in order to expedite a settlement, they would be willing to forego all other considerations of lands alienated for purely Federal purposes, providing the Dominion Government would compensate the Province for 6,400,000 acres of land alienated for subsidizing railways constructed entirely outside of the boundaries of Alberta and therefore for purely Federal purposes, such lands to be valued at a reasonable sum and the amount capitalized, and the present subsidy to be adjusted accordingly. The Provincial representatives further suggested that any settlement on this basis would mean the payment of compensation to the Province equivalent to the continuance of the subsidy for a period of not less than ten years.

For your information in considering the question of compensation which should be fair to the Province, I wish again to urge upon your Government the consideration of the very difficult financial position in which the Province of Alberta to-day finds itself, mainly arising from two causes, first, the very heavy expenditure annually required over and above the revenue derived in maintaining the interest charges in connection with the provincial railways, the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway and the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, both of which are essentially colonization roads, and for which no subsidy whatever was paid by the Dominion Government, notwithstanding the fact that similar roads in other provinces have received subsidies as high as \$6,400.00 per mile, and, secondly, the very heavy outlay required in maintaining necessary facilities and public services by reason of the very great areas of the Province settled by comparatively few settlers, and more particularly the outlay required by the Province in what may be called "the Drought Area," all of which arises by reason of the immigration policy of the various Governments of Canada over which the Province had no control.

This situation has made the question of the natural resources a very vital one, so far as the Province of Alberta is concerned, and I feel should fairly be taken into consideration by your Government in deciding what additional compensation your Government would be willing to pay to the Province in an effort to settle this question.

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, February 15, 1923

THE HONOURABLE H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Re: *Natural Resources.*

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

I thank you for your letter of January the 27th, in reply to mine of the 12th of that month.

With reference to the mention in your letter of a possible desire on your part, at the conclusion of the session of your Legislature, to have an opportunity of again placing your views before our Government, in an effort to reach some basis of settlement, permit me to assure you that I shall be happy to endeavor to arrange with my colleagues to suit your convenience in the matter of an appointment for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY]

Edmonton, January 27th, 1923.

Re: *Natural Resources.*

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant.

As already indicated in our previous letter of January 2nd, we feel the offer made by your Government is inadequate viewed from any standpoint which has as its basis the valuation of resources which have been alienated for purely Federal purposes. It is open to question whether it is an adequate settlement, even on the basis proposed in your first letter to us on the subject, dated February 20th, 1922, namely, that of an accounting.

Our Legislature is now in session, and this subject will no doubt be fully discussed before the close of the session, when we would again welcome an opportunity of placing our views before you in an effort to reach some basis of settlement.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD.

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, January 12, 1923

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Re: *Natural Resources.*

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

I have received this morning your letter of the 2nd instant. It sets forth accurately the position of our negotiations at the time of the recent conference in Ottawa, with the understanding, however, that our willingness to continue the present subsidy in lieu of lands for a period of three years, was made solely to permit of an immediate settlement of the question between our respective Governments, and was to be construed, not as an obligation to continue the subsidy for the period mentioned, but, rather, as a consideration sufficient to meet what might be necessary in the way of outlay on the part of the Government of Alberta in effecting the transfer and arranging for the administration of the resources under its control.

It was not contemplated that our proposal should be regarded as a standing offer, the essence of it being, as indicated, that it should constitute a means of terminating the whole matter without the necessity of further negotiations.

If I am to understand that your Government has definitely determined that the proposal is inadequate and therefore cannot be accepted, it must now be regarded as definitely terminated, and, as regards future negotiations, it will have, therefore, to be assumed that the situation reverts to what it was at the opening of our last conference.

If on the other hand the expression in your letter that the "offer is quite inadequate" is not to be construed as meaning "is therefore unacceptable," our Government is prepared to stand by the proposal until such time as we may have had opportunity to receive definite word from you on this point. This we think should be not later than the 31st of the present month, at which time our Parliament re-assembles.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY]

Edmonton, January 2nd, 1923.

Dear Sir:

Since our return from the conference with your Government at Ottawa in November last, on the natural resources question, the Honourable Mr. Brownlee and myself have discussed very fully with our colleagues the result of the conference.

In order that the present status of negotiations between our respective Governments for the adjustment of this matter may be placed definitely on record on our files, and in order that the present situation may be made clear, I desire on behalf of the Government of this Province to set out the present position as we understand it.

You will recall that in our discussion with yourself and the Honourable Charles Stewart in April last, we endeavored at your suggestion, to find a basis of settlement that would eliminate the long and costly proceedings of an accounting and arbitration, and the following basis of settlement was suggested on behalf of the Government of this Province, viz.:

The turning over the remaining resources to the Province, present subsidy to be waived on condition that compensation be given for resources alienated from the Province of Alberta for purely Federal purposes and, again to avoid lengthy investigation, we agreed to waive all other claims and to confine ourselves to claim for compensation for 6,400,000 acres of lands alienated just prior to the formation of the Province for subsidizing the construction of railways outside the Province of Alberta, these lands to be capitalized at a figure to be agreed upon and the amount paid over to the Province over a term of years.

This still appears to us to be a basis of settlement which is fair and equitable and sound in principle.

It was apparent, however, upon resumption of negotiations in November that the proposal did not find favour with your Government, and the following proposal was submitted by your Government to the representatives of the Government of Alberta, namely:

To turn over to the Government of the Province of Alberta the natural resources still unalienated, plus the continuation of the present subsidy in lieu of lands for a period of three years.

This proposal has been very carefully considered and I have to inform you that the Government of this Province feel that such an offer is quite inadequate, on any basis of valuation either of the lands above referred to or of the resources alienated for Federal purposes.

We regret very much indeed that your Government and the Government of this Province have so far been unable to come to an agreement on this important matter which has for so long been under discussion.

I beg to assure you that it is the desire of this Government to reach a settlement and to this end we will be pleased to confer further with you at any future date.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD.

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

[COPY]

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, October 31, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

I have received to-day your telegram in answer to mine of yesterday, agreeing to November 14th as a satisfactory date for the resumption of the Conference between the Federal and Western Provincial Governments respecting Natural Resources. As intimated to you in my telegram, this date will be suitable to Mr. Dunning and I have since learned that it will also suit Premier Bracken's convenience.

Accordingly I am arranging, so far as may be possible, with the members of the Government who have been present at previous interviews, to be at my office at eleven o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, November the 14th. I shall be pleased if you and others representing the interests of the Governments of the Western Provinces can arrange to be present at the same hour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Edmonton, October 31st, 1922.

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Wire received, November fourteenth acceptable for conference.

H. GREENFIELD.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Ottawa, Ontario, October 28, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Shall gladly arrange for Natural Resources Conference for Monday, November thirteenth. I am pleased to know that this date is acceptable to Premiers Bracken and Dunning as well as yourself.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Edmonton, October 28th, 1922.

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Your wire twenty-fourth. Premiers Bracken and Dunning unable to be in Ottawa on November seventh for conference. Have mutually agreed on Monday, thirteenth. Would this date be acceptable to you?

H. GREENFIELD.

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[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Ottawa, Ont., October 24, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
 Edmonton, Alberta.

Word received from Mr. Fielding indicates doubt as to probability of his returning before latter part of November. Under the circumstances would suggest Tuesday, November seventh, as date for resuming Natural Resources Conference with yourself and Premiers of other Prairie Provinces. Shall wait until I hear from you before communicating with Mr. Bracken and Mr. Dunning. May I count upon you getting into touch with them before you wire me as to suitability to all of date suggested. Should it prove inconvenient I shall be obliged if you will wire me possible alternative dates likely to be acceptable to Premier Dunning, Premier Bracken and yourself, and I shall do my utmost to arrange accordingly.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY]

Edmonton, October 23rd, 1922.

Dear Mr. King:

I am writing to acknowledge your telegram of October 20th, in which you notify me that you are cabling Mr. Fielding as to the probable date of his return, and that you will wire me fixing a definite appointment for a further conference respecting the natural resources. I will await your further instructions in this matter.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD.

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
 Ottawa, Ontario.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 20th, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
 Edmonton, Alberta.

Premier Dunning has just wired me that he will not be able to arrive Ottawa before fourteenth November. Under circumstances think it advisable we should arrange conference for that day instead of for Monday thirteenth, which I had agreed to on understanding that it was equally acceptable to Premier Dunning and Premier Bracken. If you advise me that fourteenth is acceptable to you I shall communicate accordingly with Messrs. Dunning and Bracken.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Ottawa, Ont., October 20, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
 Edmonton, Alberta.

I am cabling Mr. Fielding to-day as to probable date of his return to Ottawa. As soon as reply is received I shall wire you fixing definite appointment for further conference with Premiers of Prairie Provinces respecting Natural Resources. Colleagues agree it is important. Minister finance should be present at conference. Am hopeful this can be arranged, but later than middle of November.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM]

Edmonton, October 17th, 1922.

HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Your letter re resources. As our session opens December seventh, are anxious resume negotiations at as early date as possible.

H. GREENFIELD.

[COPY]

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, October 11, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

I have just received your letter of the 5th instant with reference to the question, which has already been discussed, of the control of the natural resources of the three Prairie Provinces being handed by the Dominion Government to the Governments of the respective Provinces.

I note what you say as to the desirability of re-opening negotiations in this matter at as early a date as possible. I shall take occasion to bring this matter up in Council at our meeting on Friday of this week, and shall communicate with you further as soon as it is possible to indicate a definite time for the resumption of these negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

[COPY]

Edmonton, October 5, 1922.

Dear Mr. King:

You will recall that, in April last, representatives of the Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta met at Ottawa at your request, to discuss with you the natural resources question with a view to arriving at an agreement which would permit of the control of the natural resources of the three Prairie Provinces being handed over by the Dominion Government to the Governments of the respective Provinces.

You will further recall that the representatives of the Province of Manitoba returned to Winnipeg early in the negotiations, and that Premier Dunning and the Honourable Mr. Hamilton, representing the Province of Saskatchewan, left later for the purpose of consulting their colleagues at Regina. Negotiations on behalf of the Province of Alberta were continued by Attorney General Brownlee and myself at greater length. We were unable to reach a basis of settlement and returned to Edmonton with the understanding that negotiations would be resumed after the House of Commons, which was then in session, prorogued.

I have refrained from pressing the matter earlier, knowing that many of your Ministers were away from Ottawa. We are anxious to re-open negotiations on behalf of the Province of Alberta at as early a date as possible and would appreciate it very much if you would wire me at your earliest convenience when your Government would be prepared to go further into this matter.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD,

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

[COPY]

Edmonton, April 15, 1922.

Dear Sir:

Since the close of our recent session, I have been able to carefully consider with my colleagues your letter of February 20th. We are gratified indeed to note your desire at the outset of your administration to reach a settlement of this question which has been in controversy for so long a time.

In reviewing the correspondence between the Premiers of the Dominion and of this Province, it would appear that the right of the Province to its unalienated resources has, for some time, been fully conceded. In his letter of December 7th, 1920, the Honourable Arthur Meighen says in part: "The Government is not only prepared to transfer the remainder of the resources to the Prairie Provinces upon terms that can be accepted as fair, but it is anxious to do everything in its power to arrive at such terms." Since that time at least, it would seem clear that the whole question was simply one of agreeing to terms of transfer and could have been settled at any time on the basis of your first suggestion that this Province be content to accept its unalienated resources and, ignoring the transactions of the past, waive all claims to the subsidy in lieu of lands. But, while it is of great moment to this Province, that the remaining resources should be transferred without delay, it seems to us that the value of these resources that have hitherto been alienated for purely Federal purposes cannot be entirely overlooked.

We are, therefore, encouraged to note from your letter the alternative proposition that if the Provinces prefer an accounting from the beginning by an independent tribunal you would not object. This method of settlement is very acceptable to us, and we will be very glad to meet you or your Government at an early date in an effort to arrive at a satisfactory basis for such accounting.

We would urge, however, that the Dominion cannot discharge its responsibility by accounting only on the basis suggested in your letter, that is by crediting the Province with all moneys received by the Dominion and charging it with all outlay by the Dominion in relation to the management of the resources. Such an accounting must be wide enough to include the question of what compensation the Province should receive for the resources which have hitherto been alienated for the benefit of the Dominion as a whole.

To put the position taken by this Province definitely, I may say that we stand ready (1) To take over the control of the natural resources of the Province as yet unalienated, and (2) To waive all claims for subsidy for lands under The Alberta Act, provided a satisfactory indemnity is arranged for such of the resources as have been used for purely Federal purposes.

It is, of course, understood that any arrangement that might be made would be subject to the approval of both the Dominion Parliament and the Legislature of this Province.

Again thanking you for the interest you have shown in this question, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD,

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, February 20, 1922.

HON. H. GREENFIELD,
Premier of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

My Dear Sir:

I have been discussing with my colleagues the question of the claim of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for their lands and other natural resources. We are very desirous of having this long standing question settled.

In the earlier days of Confederation, when the Prairie Provinces were organized, the several Dominion Governments of the time held that these resources, which in the case of the older portions of the Dominion belonged to the Provinces, should in the case of the Prairie Provinces be held and administered by the Dominion Government. Reasons which were accepted at that time as satisfactory are not necessarily sound as applied to present conditions, when the three Provinces have reached maturity. The desire of the Provincial authorities to have the control of these resources is natural, and we are anxious, as far as possible, to meet their wishes.

In time past the question has been somewhat complicated by objections raised on the part of the Governments of some of the older Provinces, who have claimed that compliance with the requests of the Prairie Governments would create new conditions under which the Eastern Provinces would be entitled to compensation. It is probable that this claim of the Eastern Provinces arose largely from a belief that the aim of the Prairie Provinces was to receive the lands, etc., and to continue to receive the subsidy allowed in lieu of lands. Perhaps the earlier claims of the Prairie Provinces afforded some warrant for such an attitude. We think, however, that any claim on the part of the Eastern Provinces will probably be removed if it be clearly understood that in receiving the lands from the Dominion the Prairie Provinces will surrender the subsidy now paid in lieu of lands. When it was deemed inexpedient to give lands, etc., to the Provincial Governments, compensation was made to them by subsidies in lieu of lands, in addition to the ordinary subsidy which all the Provinces received. We do not see how the Prairie Provinces could seriously expect to receive the lands and at the same time continue to receive the land subsidy. We are persuaded that upon full consideration of the matter such a claim would not be pressed. If, then, it be clearly understood that on the Dominion Government delivering the lands to the Provinces the land subsidy will cease, it is not likely that the Eastern Provinces will adhere to their objections. If, however, apart from the land subsidy question, the Eastern Provinces feel that they have any claim, that claim would have to be considered on its merits, and it should not be an obstacle to the settlement of matters between the Dominion and the Prairie Provinces.

The shortest and simplest way of settlement, the one admitting of quick results, would be to ignore the transactions of the past and make a fresh start. It is the opinion of some parties who have given the matter careful attention that an accounting for the transactions of the past would not likely result in any particular advantage on either side. It is suggested that whatever sums have been received by the Dominion Government from these lands are probably fully balanced by the sums expended by the Government in one way or another in the management of the lands. If there is a fair ground for this belief, would it be advisable to enter upon an accounting which would necessarily be a lengthy affair? If the Provinces could accept this short and swift method of adjustment, the whole transaction might be quickly arranged and the lands could without further delay be handed over to the Provinces.

If, however, the Governments of the Prairie Provinces would not be satisfied with such an arrangement, but would prefer an accounting between the Dominion and the Provinces from the beginning, by an independent tribunal, we would not object to such a plan. In any agreement that might be come to along these lines it would be, of course, necessary that adequate provision be made for crediting the Provinces with all moneys received by the Dominion and charging to the Provinces all outlay by the Dominion, directly or indirectly, in relation to the management of the resources. Any award duly made by the tribunal should be binding on both sides. Any sum found to be due by the Dominion to a Province or by a Province to the Dominion might be capitalized and interest adjusted in connection with the annual Provincial subsidy. Upon the filing of the award and the adjustment of the account in this way, the Provinces would of course immediately receive possession of the resources.

I am making these suggestions because of the earnest desire of our Government to bring about an early settlement of the question which has for so long been in controversy. If the Provinces are willing to agree to these suggestions, we shall do whatever we can to expedite the settlement accordingly. If these suggestions are not acceptable, then it must be understood that we make them without prejudice to the Dominion's rights.

I need hardly add that of course any arrangement that might be made would be subject to the approval of the Dominion Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Sessional Paper No. 37.

Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Guaranteed Railway Bonds

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By R. C. Marshall, M.L.A., proposed in the House on February 14, 1924:

Q. 1. Amounts on hand being proceeds of the various Provincial Guaranteed Bonds in Banks to the joint credit of the Provincial Treasurer and the respective Railway Companies.

A. 1. Canadian Northern Western Railway Trust Account.....	\$ 121,188.86
Canadian Northern Railway Trust Account.....	1,148,959.85
Central Canada Railway64
Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Trust Acct.	74,041.25
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—Branch Lines.....	3.00

Q. 2. The Branch Lines to which the several balances relate and the mileage of same.

A. 2. Previous administration did not allocate proceeds of loans to any Branch Line. It is, therefore, impossible to give this information.

Q. 3. The mileage already constructed with respect to each such branch line and the mileage yet to be constructed.

A. 3. This information is contained in the Annual Railway Report of the Department of Railways & Telephones.

R. G. REID.

Sessional Paper No. 47.

Return to an Order of the House, dated February 14th, 1924, respecting Net Indirect Liability of Province

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By C. R. Mitchell, M.L.A., proposed in the House on Thursday, February 7, 1924.

Q. 1. The net indirect liability of the Province to December 31st, 1923, with respect to—

- (a) Railway Bonds;
- (b) Irrigation Bonds;
- (c) Drainage District Bonds;
- (d) University of Alberta Bonds;

(e) Any other class or classes of guarantee liability specifying the nature of each such liability, and dates upon which same was incurred and the authority, legislative or otherwise, therefore.

A. 1. (a) Railway Bonds	\$39,633,657.97
of which \$22,539,957.97 represents debentures of railways now operated by the Dominion Government under the Canadian National Railways System.	
(b) Irrigation Bonds	\$6,185,500.00
(c) Drainage District Bonds	625,000.00
(d) University of Alberta Bonds.....	4,000,000.00
(\$2,400,000 due and redeemed on January 1st, 1924.)	

(e) — Class.	Nature. Guaranteed Notes.	Dates incurred.	Authority.	Amount.
Live Stock Encouragement Act.		1917-'22	Chap. 65, R.S.A.	\$1,016,691.24
Seed Grain (Unorganized Districts)	"	1922	Chap. 65, 1922.	164,500.00
Seed Grain (Municipal Districts)	"	1921-'22	Chaps. 111 & 112	293,712.85
Rye (Municipal Districts)	"	1921	Revised Statutes.	9,918.21
Relief (Municipal Districts)	"	1921-'22	"	376,939.48
Hail Insurance	"	1917-'23	Chap. 175 of Revised Statutes.	1,575,000.00 ¹
Co-operative Credit Societies.	Guaranteed Notes by Co-op. Credit Societies.	1919-'23	Chap. 161 of Revised Statutes.	381,479.79

¹ This was reduced to \$1,000,000.00 at the end of January, 1924.

R. G. REID.

Sessional Paper No. 58.

Return to an Order of the House, dated March 6th, 1924, respecting The University Printing Department

Edmonton, Alberta, March 14, 1924.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Answers:

Question 1—

1 Miehle Vertical Printing Press No. 265, with motor complete \$3,578.35

Replacements:

- 1 Liberty Folder, Model 89, with motor.....\$1,322.09
- 1 Wire Stitcher, serial 1251, with motor..... 553.00
- 1 Diamond Power Cutter, with motor..... 1,110.02

Question 2—

- 1 Folder replaced as in Question 1.
- 1 Stitcher replaced as in Question 1.
- 1 Hand Cutter replaced as in Question 1.

Question 3—

Folder, \$200.00; Stitcher, \$45.00; Cutter, \$125.00.

These were obsolete and had to be replaced independent of government printing.

The cost of these machines when first purchased was included in a lump sum paid to the printer, who, in 1911, was secured with his equipment to undertake the printing of the Examination papers and Calendar of the University. We have no details of these items. Items under Question 1 were replacements of items mentioned under Question 3, these being sold under tender and best offer accepted.

Length of time in use, approximately 13 years.

Question 4—

Order No. 12799—April 25th, 1923.

500 Copies Public Accounts:

- 100 copies delivered to King's Printer September 22nd.
- 100 copies delivered to King's Printer September 27th.
- 100 copies delivered to King's Printer September 29th.
- 200 copies delivered to King's Printer October 2nd.

Order No. 12837—May 2nd, 1923—

500 Copies Annual Report of Public Works Department:

- 500 copies delivered to King's Printer June 22nd.

Order No. 12987—May 22nd, 1923—

400 Copies Annual Report of Department of Municipal Affairs:

- 400 copies delivered to King's Printer June 29th.

Order No. 14040—October 30th, 1923—

100 Additional Copies Public Accounts:

- 100 copies delivered to King's Printer December 15th.

Question 5—

	Order	No.	Date	Description	Kind of Work	Firm
		12649	April 7	12 Execution Books	R.P.B.	E.P. & P.
x		12701	" 13	6 Supreme Court Procedure Books	R.P.B.	E.P. & P.
		12837	May 2	Annual Report of Public Accounts	Ptg.	Esdale
x		12913	" 12	50 Cash Receipts; 50 Cheque Records; 50 Sales Day Books and 3 Canvas Binders	R.B.	E.P. & P.
x		12918	" 12	3,000 Voucher Forms 8x10½	Ptg.	McK. & S.
		12920	" 14	60,000 Window Envelopes No. 10	Ptg.	Esdale
x		12922	" 14	1,000 Forms 8½x6¾	Ptg.	McK. & S.
x		12923	" 14	2 Sets Index Sheets	B.	E.P. & P.
		12924	" 14	60 Posters on Linen	Ptg.	McK. & S.
		12925	" 14	4,000 Form 118; 15,000 Form 109; 20,000 Form 216; 10,000 Form 302	Ptg.	Tilley
		12926	" 14	300 Pamphlets, 4 pp.	Ptg.	McK. & S.
x		12927	" 14	300 Revenue Statement Forms—Cap.	R.P.	E.P. & P.
				500 Revenue Statement Forms—Inc.	R.P.	E.P. & P.
		12928	" 14	500 Leaves and Binder	R.P.B.	E.P. & P.
x		12929	" 14	1,000 Leaves 12 15/16 x 18 3/16	R.P.	E.P. & P.
				500 Leaves 11 7/8 x 9 1/2	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		12947	" 16	500 Forms 8½ x 14	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		12950	" 17	2 Canvas Binders 17 x 14	B.	E.P. & P.
		12961	" 18	2,000 Leaves 11 3/16 x 20	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		12983	" 21	500 Leaves 11 x 17 1/2	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		12986	" 22	1,000 Domestic Animals Act 10 x 6 1/2	Ptg.	Tilley
x		12987	" 22	400 Copies Annual Report Municipal Affairs	Ptg.	West. Vet.
		12989	" 22	1 Canvas Binder 17 x 14	B.	E.P. & P.
x		12995	" 22	300 Sheets 12 15/16 x 10 1/2	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		13002	" 23	200 Leaves 10 x 15 13/16	R.P.	E.P. & P.
x		13005	" 23	1,200 Normal School Announcements	Ptg.	E.P. & P.
		13032	" 29	5,000 Leaves 13 7/8 x 12 7/8	R.P.	E.P. & P.
		13108	June 9	2 Binders 11 1/4 x 11 3/4	B.	E.P. & P.

x—Rush order.

R.P.B.—Ruling, printing and binding.

Ptg.—Printing only.

R.B.—Ruling and binding.

B.—Binding only.

E.P. & P.—Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co./

Esdale—The Esdale Press, Ltd.

McK. & S.—McKenzie-Stowe Press, Ltd.

Tilley—Tilley Press.

West. Vet.—Western Veteran Publishing Co., Ltd.

Owing to the new machinery not being installed until the middle of June, it was impossible to turn out the work as rapidly as the King's Printer desired it. The majority of the work was rush, therefore it was necessary to sublet as stated above, with the sanction of the King's Printer.

Not having the equipment for Ruling and Book-binding, it was necessary to sublet this kind of work.

**Return to an Order of the House, dated March 13th, 1924,
respecting Amounts Collected for Game Licenses;
Taxes on Furs, Names of Fur Inspectors in Pay of
Government, and Licenses to Trappers Refused, all
during 1923.**

NOTICE OF MOTION.

I beg to give notice that on Thursday next I will propose the following motion to this House: That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What amounts were collected for Game Licenses in 1923?

Ans. Licenses and permits, net revenue in 1923, \$51,499.21.

2. What amounts of taxes were collected on all furs in 1923?

Above information desired separately re Export tax.

Ans. Fur Tax, net revenue in 1923, \$41,067.36. No Export tax.

3. Number and names of Fur Inspectors in the pay of Government and what amount paid to each for salary and expenses during 1923?

Ans. W. D. MacKay, Game Guardian and Fur Inspector, appointed under O.C. 1232/22, July 14, 1922. Salary received for 1923, \$1,287.50; expenses during 1923, \$295.80. Resigned November 30, 1923. Game Guardians, Game Inspectors, members of the A.P.P. and R.C.M.P. are authorized to collect fur tax.

4. Was there any permit or license refused in 1923 to Trappers on Forest Reserves and names of said applicants to whom said permit or said license was denied.

Ans. The following applications to trap on forest reserves were refused in the fall and winter of 1923:

Samuel Jackson, Edson.

A. Holm, Kinuso.

G. Hagerud, Mirror Landing.

C. S. Hunter, Pincher Creek.

H. D. Hunt, Kinuso.

Wm. L'Hirondelle, Kinuso.

H. L'Hirondelle, Kinuso.

A. L'Hirondelle, Slave Lake.

Emil Sinclair, Slave Lake.

Question asked by J. M. Dechene.

(Sgd.) GEORGE HOADLEY.

Minister of Agriculture.

Return to an Order of the House, dated March 18th, 1924, respecting Advertising and Job Printing, 1917 to 1923.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Proposed in the House by P. M. Christophers.

Q. 1. Total amount paid by the Government for advertising in each of the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923.

A. 1.	1917	\$14,457.24
	1918	19,139.26
	1919	18,635.70
	1920	45,893.99
	1921	84,168.11
	1922	31,563.72
	1923	29,293.34

Total \$243,151.36

Q. 2. Total amount paid by the Government for advertising in each of the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, to the following firms:

A. 2.—	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
"Farm and Ranch Review," Calgary	\$ 744.80	\$ 736.05	\$ 1,066.52	\$ 1,120.90	\$ 2,570.52	\$ 1,897.77	\$ 741.79
"U.F.A."	nil	100.00	nil	25.00	nil	662.80	874.54
"Alberta Labor News," Edmonton	nil	nil	nil	409.00	2,640.00	579.50	574.00
Herald Publishing Co. (which includes the Alberta Farmer and Calgary Weekly Herald)	439.59	306.27	763.05	2,100.57	2,224.89	922.06	1,253.44
Albertan Publishing Co., Calgary	715.76	1,478.79	965.15	2,760.16	3,455.29	945.81	851.25
"Lethbridge Herald," Lethbridge	545.16	1,069.66	562.29	4,135.71	2,700.87	390.38	272.45
"Medicine Hat News"	265.71	524.19	399.01	3,054.74	4,235.71	153.00	194.25
"Edmonton Journal"	400.62	622.79	607.81	4,569.23	6,663.73	1,585.78	684.50
Camrose Publishing Co. (Camrose Canadian)	169.88	133.43	170.50	266.85	192.70	89.15	60.45
"L'Imprimerie L'Union," Edmonton	nil	67.50	18.00	120.00	164.75	45.60	83.79
"Edmonton Bulletin"	1,103.51	1,813.82	1,098.04	4,015.30	7,702.56	951.68	501.21

Q. 3. Total amount paid by the Government for job printing in each of the above years to the following firms:

A. 3.—	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Esdale Press, Edmonton	\$ 65,023.43	\$ 53,975.38	\$ 88,031.73	\$ 89,289.19	\$ 90,028.30	\$ 53,254.50	\$ 44,718.92
Edmonton Printing & Publishing Co.	16,336.51	18,050.54	15,584.03	28,383.52	29,821.65	31,882.58	32,442.34
Roche Printing Co.	nil	nil	nil	nil	2,787.50	20,403.42	31,457.38
Western Printing & Litho. Co., Calgary (Farm & Ranch Review)	4,690.30	1,788.50	5,486.20	12,381.73	68,299.19	58,926.50	35,884.40
Albertan Job Press, Calgary	10,471.91	24,394.25	29,564.58	36,229.64	43,669.25	27,412.21	16,499.43
Lethbridge Herald Co.	6,893.27	8,589.69	4,671.87	18,175.01	13,727.70	1,237.85	622.40
Medicine Hat News	17,151.44	9,424.85	9,460.03	15,119.74	21,782.45	437.75	148.25

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